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Chairwoman Concannon and members of the committee:

My name is Kalesha Pollman I work for Kansas Children Service League. I was helping parents see if they qualified for child care assistance through DCF to see if they could attend our program. When talking to parents about income, and gathering all of their information, the most deemed question was "Is Mom or Dad in the Picture? If not, for you to be able to receive services you, if mom/dad is not already on child support you will have to work with them to do so." I have over 5 families in a span of 4 months not want to receive services due to already working it out between themselves, or didn't want to ruin the co-parenting relationship they had built, or others didn't want dad to be involved as he left before they baby was due. Turning families away due to this was hard as some were trying to find jobs just to help support their small family. I am in support of HB 2371 to help reach families and parents that are really in need.

Thank you for your time

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