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Sen. Longbine and members of the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance, thank you for the opportunity to add the support of the KanCare Advocates Network (KAN) to the proponents of SB 329. KAN is a coalition of more than 50 organizations and individuals who advocate on behalf of and serve and the 400,000 Kansans who depend upon the Kansas Medicaid program, KanCare, and its seven Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs for their health care and long-term supports and services. Our partners strongly supported the creation of the ABLE Account program; that support continues today.

KAN advocates would like to express their appreciation and support for the State Treasurer's Office the proposed changes to the ABLE program and statutes. The impact of these technical changes will allow more Kansans to access the program, reduce administrative burden and bring Kansas into compliance with federal requirements.

The ABLE program allows people with disabilities and their loved ones the ability to save and provide for their future needs, reducing their dependence on state resources and allows for more independence and freedom of choice by the person.

Thank you again, for the opportunity to offer testimony and urge you to pass SB 329 out of committee.

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