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As a licensed agency of Johnson County in the State of Kansas, Heartstrings Community Foundation has already been deemed a worthy place to accept the Medicaid funds from the people we serve. We are reviewed at least yearly to insure that we provide quality services.

If we are required to post where the Medicaid funding dollars are spent, it will create an additional accounting burden, but more importantly, it will also create a privacy issue. The funding received by Heartstrings is used to pay our staff. HB 2188 would require that we reveal private information regarding our payroll. Heartstrings Community Foundation would be opposed to the proposed HB 2188

Sincerely,

Bunny Higgins HCF Exec. Dir.

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Mission: Assist adults with developmental disabilities to live meaningful lives through employment in the business community. This will be accomplished by building successful and enriched business relationships using the unique expertise and practices of the HCF® model.