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Testimony in Support of
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The Honorable Lance Kinzer and Honorable Members
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DCF testimony on SB 122 - Kansas administrative procedure act; service of order or notice

Chairman Lance Kinzer, Vice – Chair Bruchman, Ranking Member Janice Pauls and Honored Members:

I am Kathe Decker, Deputy Secretary for Family Service of the Department for Children and Families (DCF). Thank you for the opportunity to be here today and talk about Senate bill 122, Kansas administrative procedure act; service of order or notice.

Senate Bill 122 expands the method in which Kansas agencies can communicate with their clients, customers, and patrons. Specifically, DCF (and other agencies) would be allowed to notify clients with electronic notification, if that is the client's choice.

DCF supports this change which allows our clients to choose their preferred method of communication; electing either postal mail or electronic notification.

Notification to clients of all approvals, denials or changes in their benefits (such as Food Assistance, TANF, Child Care subsidies, and Refugee services) is required by federal law. The change in this statute allows us to communicate using the method our clients prefer. In addition, electronic notification will help reduce paper, save printing costs and mailing costs for the state.

Thank you Chairman Kinzer, again, for this chance to speak to your committee. I am happy to stand for questions.