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To Whom It May Concern:

A fundraiser that has been very successful for us in the past has been our “Christmas Raffle”. This is done in conjunction with the Richmond City Christmas Tree Lighting and dinner. This has become an event for the town’s people and library patrons. We all go to see the city tree get lit, and then go to the community building to have a meal. During the meal tickets are sold for items the library board members and friends of the library have donated. This has become a very popular raffle for the people and their way of showing support for the library.

Tickets are offered for free or a donation, most donate since it is for a good cause. If all tickets were given out for free it would undermine the reason for having the raffle in the first place, which is to make money for the library.

Another problem with the current law is that it causes derision among those who attend the festival. If someone announces they have won with a free ticket, everyone will not only be upset they didn’t win, they will be mad at the person who didn’t care enough to support the library.

The Richmond Public Library would like to go on record as being in favor of the proposal for K.S.A. 21-4303 that would allow non-profits the ability to hold raffles for fundraising activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony for the hearing.

Sincerely,
Connie A. Weber
Director