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**Written Testimony to Senate Education Committee**

**Honorable Chair, Senator Molly Baumgardner**

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Room 445-S, State Capitol Building

**Proponent [HB 2322](#) – Special Education Definition ED Emotional Disability**

Hearing: Tues, March 7, 2023, 1:30 PM Room 144-S

Honorable Chair Baumgardner and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for SB 2322 – regarding special education definitions. Kansas PTA is a proponent for the use of more respectful language regarding labels and descriptions of students with disabilities, in alignment with [Kansas PTA Legislative Platform and Priorities](#).

Note this bill passed the House on a vote of 120 to 2. We appreciate your consideration of our support for revising the definition of "children with disabilities" for the purpose of providing special education to replace emotional disturbance with emotional disability and urge you to vote YES on HB 2322.

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