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Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

As you consider your vote this week in the Judiciary Committee regarding this bill, I would like to call your attention to a few points.

- This training is free and is easily accessible through a link.
- It takes less than one hour to complete.
- The Kansas Dept. of Aging and Disability Services already has a designated staff member to assist with dementia training - dementia services manager. A position that was created in 2023 through advocacy efforts by the Alzheimer's Association. The Dementia Services Manager can work with the Kansas Guardianship Office to begin implementation.
- This training will help increase the number of guardians in the program by providing free, needed education and information to help better prepare them to assist the person with cognitive issues or dementia.
- Topics included in the training are: common aspects of normal aging; warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia; effective strategies for communicating with such adults; and effective strategies and resources available for supporting such adults in exercising their rights.

The Alzheimer's Association asks that this bill passes out of committee without any amendments.

If you have any additional questions, I am happy to answer them.

Thank you for your service to our state.

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