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SB 415: Proponent – Oral In-Person

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Chair Warren and Esteemed Committee Members,

I submit proponent testimony for SB 415, a bill I introduced to this committee in response to a tragedy that occurred in Senate District 37. Not long after sine die, I began receiving messages and phone calls about an apartment complex in Gardner that had been condemned by the local fire marshal. The residents of the Aspen Place Apartments ranged from new college graduates to seniors who were trying to make ends meet. Aspen Place offered the most affordable rent in the area, but it came at great cost. Kansans, with limited means, were forced to pack their things and to find housing within 48 hours… can you imagine being in similar circumstances?

Several proponents will share their stories and what they experienced through this tragedy. The negligent landlord got off relatively scot-free. His victims were left trying to put their lives back together, scraping and clawing just to get back their security deposits and one month's rent. SB 415 would narrowly apply the Kansas Consumer Protection Act to these situations, conferring the actions and protections of the KCPA for potential future victims of a negligent landlord. This bill will not directly provide relief and justice for the victims of Aspen Place, but it will help give them hope that this legislature cares about their human dignity and wants to prevent situations like this from ever happening in our great state again.

I hope this committee favorably receives this bill.

Regards,

Doug Shane

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