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HB 2203 Adding FASD to the Conditions that May Establish Eligibility for Special Education
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Honorable Members of the House Committee on Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on HB 2203. I am a Kansas constituent that has been directly impacted by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). I am an impacted adult who has endured many challenges and struggles in my life due to not having proper diagnosis and services from start to finish of my education.

I struggled in school educationally, socially and emotionally, in all peer relationships. I also struggled in all systems outside of school due to improper diagnosis, and lack of supports and services. I now know that FASD has been a core reason for my failed marriage, addictions, legal battles, relationship dysfunctions with my family and children, struggles in the workforce and with maintaining employment, social dysfunction, and more. FASD has impacted EVERY aspect of my life!

HB 2203 would help people like me to get a better start in life and a better education. I feel proper diagnosis and educational services could have prevented me from having so many of the relational, legal, and employment situations that I have gone through, and continue to go through in life.

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