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My name is Colin Olenick, and I am the Convenor for The Big Tent Coalition of Kansas.

We are forced to **reluctantly oppose** the bill as it is currently written, due to fatal flaws in addressing guardianship and decision-making in the event of the **END OF LIFE**. These flaws are significant enough to keep us from supporting a bill that contains many necessary changes to Kansas Guardianship Law.

We strongly advise that these flaws be fixed so we can turn our full support to this bill. For the benefit of the Committee, I am listing many of the positive changes this bill contains, below.

As you have heard, there are many things that this bill **improves upon** over the current Kansas Guardianship law. It includes a person-centered, individual plan and clarifies how decisions should be made.

It encourages that least restrictive means be used and respects the rights of people with disabilities, as well as the decision making capabilities of people like me.

These are just a few of the things we are happy to see, just really want to encourage the Revisor to continue to work with organizations like the Disability Rights Center of KS, the Big Tent Coalition, and the Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas to fix the flaws in the end-of-life language used in this bill currently.

With a few important changes, we would fully support this bill.