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Subject: Proponent Testimony for HB 25RS0630 – Kansas SLDS

Chairman Goetz & Members of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee,

I am writing to express my support of HB 25RS0630, the Kansas State Longitudinal Data System. I am a lifelong Kansas resident with three kids in the Shawnee Mission School District. When my wife and I decided to stay in the Kansas City region, one of the primary drivers was the phenomenal Kansas public school system. This bill will enhance education and workforce alignment by securely integrating data from multiple agencies, ensuring that Kansas remains competitive in workforce development and economic growth.

I am personally and professionally deeply invested in Kansas and I want to see the state continue to be a place where public education and workplace readiness is prioritized. The SLDS bill will help with:

- **Better Decision-Making:** The KLDS will allow policymakers, educators, and businesses to use data-driven insights to improve educational outcomes and workforce readiness.
- **Workforce Alignment:** Kansas needs a centralized system to track and align educational pathways with in-demand industries, supporting students and workers in career advancement.
- **Data Privacy & Security:** This bill includes robust safeguards to protect personal information while ensuring responsible data use.
- **Cost-Effective Research:** HB 25RS0630 will streamline data access, reducing inefficiencies and helping state agencies make informed, cost-saving policy decisions.

I urge you to support HB 25RS0630 and advance this important initiative. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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