



Feb 13, 2025

Re: Johnson County Christmas Bureau regarding Senate Bill SB 210

Good Morning, Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee,

My name is Roseann Newcomer and have known of the Johnson County Christmas Bureau impact for about 42 years. My first exposure to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau was at the age of 8 years old. My mom was unable to get a babysitter and took me with her JCCB Holiday Shop appointment. I was able to pick out a brand-new coat for the first time. As the youngest of 3 girls, I had always had hand-me-down coats and clothes, and this was my first new coat. But it wasn't just a coat. It was a confidence booster and if you have never been without a winter coat you may not understand the huge impact a warm coat actually gives a child.

Later in life, I found myself a single mom working full-time in a management position yet struggling to support my 2 young children. Every month I was one paycheck away from not being able to provide basic needs for my family. As we know, Fall time welcomes school days and unpredictable Kansas weather - this means more costs hitting our already tight budget. For a few Winters, I found some relief with shopping at JCCB Holiday Shop. I feel like JCCB was an essential need for myself and my children to not only survive through the winter months but also thrive during uncertain times.

Since that time, my circumstances have changed. The past several years I have volunteered with Johnson County Christmas Bureau, served on the Board as well as serve on the Executive Board as this year's JCCB President. I know first hand how many helpful leaders fundraiser, shop and donate their own time and funds to provide the support our neighbors of low-income or even below 150% of the poverty level.

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My husband and I had sought out a way to give back to our local community – and have aligned ourselves with JCCB as full-time volunteers. It was an easy decision to make especially since I had been a past recipient and know the important impact.

Since the Johnson County Christmas Bureau serves our neighbors living in poverty of such a wealthy county, I have met first hand the families impacted. Johnson County Christmas Bureau, supports the most vulnerable, with so many essential items during the winter season. There are thousands of people in need in Johnson County, such as Veterans, our elderly and even through no fault of their own, our children. Thousands of tax dollars could be used to support Johnson County's residents.

SB 210 would allow funds collected to go directly where needed to our neighbors needs. Single moms, senior citizens, special needs, and veterans are all recipients of JCCB. They are our neighbors, and we could do even more and help even more, if this Senate Bill passes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With great appreciation,

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