



## **Proponent Testimony on HB 2307**

### **Prenatal and Postnatal Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Program**

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee | March 6, 2025

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the committee,

I am Jeanne Gawdun, Director of Government Relations with Kansans for Life. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2307, the Prenatal and Postnatal Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Program.

The program was first established in 2013 to do several things: offer up-to-date information and assistance to families receiving a diagnosis of Down syndrome or other prenatally or postnatally diagnosed conditions, give medical professionals who inform parents of a diagnosis the most scientifically-accurate information on the range of outcomes for their child, and connect these families to a wide-range of support services they may need.

However, the program was never implemented as intended.

The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD) is uniquely qualified to oversee this program because it:

- understands what individuals with disabilities and their families truly need,
- is experienced in providing critical information and support to them, and
- has well-established partnerships with medical professionals and various support organizations for people living with disabilities.

KFL is confident that Kansas families who are facing the challenges that come with prenatal or postnatal diagnosed conditions will be well-served by the KCDD's implementation of this important program.

I respectfully ask that the committee find HB 2307 favorable for passage.

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