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This is basically what I said when I testified in front of the House Judiciary Committee stating my opposition to HB2260:

My name is Lori Wagner, and I want to tell you about my religious beliefs. My beliefs are old fashioned: honesty, fairness, equality, and compassion. My religious beliefs in no way tolerate discrimination. I oppose HB2260 because it legalizes discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Kansans under the guise of religion. The bill is unnecessary because religion is already a protected status in federal, state, and local civil rights laws. Sexual orientation and gender identity are not protected statuses in federal, state, and local laws. The only city in Kansas to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity is Lawrence, and HB2260 would negate those protections. If you really want to make a law that will make a difference, add sexual orientation and gender identity to Kansas' non-discrimination law. Freedom of religion is already protected. There is also freedom from religion, and no state should sanction one religion over another. Thank you. Lori Wagner 1401 New Jersey Lawrence, KS 66044

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