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Opposition to Senate Bill 501—Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Chairman Hilderbrand and members of the Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 501. SB 501 is an expensive and burdensome bill that seeks to overwhelm with paperwork struggling low-income families and the state workers trying to help them. The bill was introduced by an organization based in Florida whose only tie to Kansas is a paid lobbyist. But it is Kansas taxpayers who will be on the hook for tens of millions of dollars for this legislation that will only increase food insecurity in our state.

I am a food bank volunteer at a local, safety net hospital and I see how hard Kansans are working to make ends meet.

I ask for your thoughtful consideration and vote in opposition to this bill that will cost Kansas taxpayers tens of millions of dollars, increase food insecurity among working poor Kansas families and put additional pressures on community food pantries trying to help their neighbors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alison Troutwine".

Alison Troutwine