

Testimony for House Bill 2122

Hello my name is Colin Olenick. I work for the Self Advocacy Coalition of Kansas. I am testifying in support of the supported decision-making agreements act, HB 2122. This act would benefit me in the following way. I would not have to rely on a durable power attorney. My dad would prefer that I have my independence and be able to make my own financial decisions with assistance and maintain all the current rights I have. It would allow me to make a decision by being able to discuss the pros and cons of a particular course of action. It would allow my dad to give his opinions and advice to me but allow me to make the ultimate decision. It would be more cost effective as well. Currently a durable power of attorney can cost \$100s. A supported decision making agreement only has to be notarized. With the enhanced penalties in the bill it would provide a deterrent to abuse.

In short, this bill would allow me to have control of my life.

Thank you and I can answer any questions you may have.