

BEFORE THE KANSAS SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Re: Proponent testimony of Dianne Hemphill

Re.: Senate Bill 284 – Written Proponent Testimony Only

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and committee,

I am writing to encourage your support for Senate Bill 284. concerning financial support for Newsline. This is an important telephone call in option for the blind for accessing local and national newspapers and magazines as well as other information.

I have used Newsline for years as a blind individual for so much information not otherwise easily available to me. I often go to the Wichita Eagle and Topeka newspapers, as I have lived in both these cities. I also, love the easy access to magazines, including AARP, fitness focused magazines, magazines on blindness issues and others of interest...there are dozens of options. Print materials are not an option for me so this has been a fantastic option for me and the many blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind persons in Kansas.

Please vote to support this bill. It will continue to make an important and meaningful difference in my life as well as for others with serious and uncorrectable vision loss.

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