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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB316

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau Proponent Testimony for SB-316 Local Government Committee

Good morning, Madame Chairwoman McGinn, Vice Chair Bowers, Ranking Minority Francisco and other esteemed members of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Sente Bill 316

I live in the city of Wichita and reside in the Lambsdale's Neighborhood and I'm honored to have introduced Senate Bill-316 on behalf of the other members of our neighborhood association who shared their concern with me regarding multiple groups homes in area.

Madame chair, I support group homes and independent living. However, not in one concentrated area and the members of the association only want a distance between any new group home in our community and that is the simple goal of SB-316. Also, it's my understanding that Glen Burdick the President of the Lambdale's Association was told by our City Council that there wasn't any way to address their concern from the city and was advised to take the issue state. So, here we are and I hope that the wisdom of this committee can help us address this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this Legislation.

Senator Faust-Goudeau