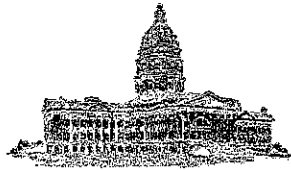


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Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

I come in support of HB 2613 in hopes that legislation can help prevent future litigation. This bill updates the statute as it relates to services provided to the visually impaired in our K-12 system. While I believe many districts provide good services to this population, some do not.

In Blue Valley School District, some families are forced to litigate to get the services their children need. One such family is here with me today and you will hear their story. What is most frustrating is the school district is spending tens of thousands more dollars on the lawsuit than what it would have cost to just provide the services.

All this being said, I will let Brooke and Soren Petro share their story and will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Schwab". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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