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Testimony is support of HB2416 amendments

Thank you for letting me speak to you this afternoon.

My name is Kathy Lobb and I work for the Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas. Part of my job is traveling around the state and meeting other self advocates in their communities. Everywhere I go people tell me they want a real job. A real job is in the community making real wages – at the least minimum wage.

That is why SACK supports the amendments presented by the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. We believe this will move the system forward in supporting self advocates in finding competitive, integrated employment. It also supports self advocates as the system moves away from paying anyone sub-minimum wages.

I started out working in a sheltered workshop, but for the past 20 years I have happily worked in the community. I don't want to go back ever. Let's all move forward to an equal future.