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Hannah Ross Allison, Organizing Chair University of Kansas Graduate Teaching Assistants, Local 6403 Written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 175 Commerce Committee

Dear Chairwoman Lynn and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 175.

As an employee at the University of Kansas, I take great pride in the choice I've made to join my union. I know that when I have the opportunity to work collectively with my colleagues, the students to whom I'm responsible get a better education.

As Kansas is already I right-to-work state, I'm unclear of the efforts behind Senate Bill 175. I already have a choice to join my union; I also know I can opt out when I choose to do so.

I must continually fight for a living wage as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at KU. I would prefer that my Kansas legislators spend their time fighting for funding for Higher Education rather than attacking my rights to maintain my union status.

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