

Written Testimony Only

March 14, 2022.

I support Senate Bill 276.

Chairman Concannon and House Committee Members:

I am a Kansas resident and I am requesting passage of Senate Bill 276, the Blind Parents Rights Bill.

This important proposed legislation addresses a long-standing problem with blind parents losing the opportunity to raise their children in peace only because of their blindness or very limited eyesight.

Without this package of guaranteed legal rights, blind parents will continue to face unwarranted obstacles and will continue to be denied the opportunity to raise and care for children in various situations such as adoptions, foster care placement, guardianship, and court cases involving child custody and visitation.

Therefore, I urge passage of Senate Bill 276.

I might add, I am an adult who was raised by a blind mother in a very caring, loving and safe home. Blindness was in no way a hindrance to my upbringing.

And I might also add, that because of my upbringing I was able to foster/adopt a blind son.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter of most importance to me!

Sincerely,

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