



Strong Families Make a Strong Kansas

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Testimony on:

SB 19

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Chairman King, Vice-Chair Smith, Ranking Member Haley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 19.

SB 19 would amend the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA) by permitting electronic notice as agreed upon by parties. Such service by electronic notice would be complete upon transmission or as otherwise agreed by the parties. The current law admits only paper notifications.

The Kansas Department for Children and Families administers numerous programs. Applicants, recipients and interested parties of the programs are afforded the right to appeal any action of the agency by requesting a fair hearing. SB 19 would permit the hearing documentation to be submitted and exchanged by electronic method, if agreed upon by the parties. The electronic transmissions would be beneficial for tracking purposes and would improve the administrative process. Future savings in mailing, copying and storage costs may be achieved through this legislation.

I thank you for the opportunity to address this important issue.