



Proponent Testimony for HB 2777 – Prohibiting an employee of the office of the state fire marshal from wearing or operating a body camera during an on-site inspection at a patient care facility

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Thank you, Madam Chair Landwehr and members of the House Health and Human Services Committee, for affording me the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2777.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. In Kansas, we have two chapters which together serve all 105 counties.

The Alzheimer's Association has concerns about cameras being allowed in residents' rooms, which are their homes, without their consent. Residents' privacy is important and should be taken into consideration before entering their home. The ultimate goal is to preserve the dignity of the individual living in a long-term setting. Those residents living with dementia have special and specific needs. Violation of their privacy would be considered an intrusion and may be more traumatizing than other residents and should be taken into consideration.

If you have any questions on my testimony, I can be reached at jjgideon@alz.org or by phone at (316) 448-6588.

