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## PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

Senate Bill 430, as amended, strips important protections from seniors and people with disabilities who reside in Kansas nursing homes.

Your loved one is about to lose an important safeguard. The nursing home industry is pursuing the passage of legislation that would limit Kansans from using public state inspection survey reports in court. Yet, did you know that . . .

• Over the past year, 1 out of 3 Kansas nursing homes has received inspection deficiencies for actual harm and/or immediate jeopardy to residents. (Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services)

- Nursing home inspection survey reports are important tools to show patterns of alleged abuse and neglect.
- Kansas courts should have access to ALL pertinent information affecting cases of alleged abuse and neglect for nursing home residents.

Cris, sister of nursing home alleged abuse victim-

"My brother, Carl, was a victim of alleged physical abuse while in care of a Kansas adult facility. Carl was developmentally disabled and unable to communicate. Unfortunately, he could not tell his story.

"Carl died from peritonitis that resulted from a rupture in his small intestine as a result of a blunt trauma. He was the victim of an alleged abusive employee who worked in the facility at night. There was nobody else there to protect my brother."

"If our family had not been able to pursue the truth by using documentation regarding the facility, we would have never known what really happened to Carl. As a result, the facility agreed to make positive changes that will help assure a safe environment for other vulnerable adults." The Kansas nursing home industry also wants you to believe that limiting inspection survey reports as evidence in court proceedings will reduce liability insurance premiums for nursing homes.

- Premiums in some states are increasing even for nursing homes that provide good quality care and have no history of claims against them.
- Many factors affect the cost and availability of nursing home liability insurance.

## Call your Representatives today and tell them to vote



as amended by the House Health and Human Services Committee.

The focus must be protecting residents' rights and promoting quality first in nursing home settings.

Let your representative know that you oppose this legislation!



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AARP Kansas • Cris, sister of nursing home abuse victim • Kansas ADAPT • Kansas Advocates for Better Care • Kansas Trial Lawyers Association • Kansas Advocacy & Protective Services Inc.

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