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Good morning,

My name is Savannah Gray and I would like to provide a public testimony at today's public hearing for Ord. 231019. My testimony is as follows:

Hello, my name is Savannah Gray, and I am a Kansas City resident. I work as a social worker in a library to help connect patrons to local resources. An overwhelming need that we see are patrons coming in looking for help finding a place to stay that will accept their Housing Choice Voucher. Many of these people have been on a waitlist for multiple years and are so excited when they finally receive their voucher, only to be met with another extreme barrier of finding somewhere that will accept them. It is not an exaggeration to say that this kind of source of income discrimination leads to homelessness. I've had multiple conversations with patrons where they tell me they have been looking for months for somewhere that will accept their voucher and if they don't find somewhere soon, their voucher will expire, and they will literally have nowhere to go. This should not be happening. It should not matter *how* you are paying your rent, as long as you *are* paying your rent. I urge you all to support Kansas City residents by voting YES on Ord. 231019 and Ban Source of Income Discrimination.

Thank you for your time.