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## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB59**

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau  
Proponent Testimony for SB-59  
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Good morning, Chairman Thompson, Vice-chair Kloos and other esteemed members of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 59, concerning the day of commemoration for designating the Thursday immediately preceding the third Monday in January of 2023 and such Thursday in January of each year thereafter as "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Capitol."

As Chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism, Martin Luther King, Jr., used his convicting and uplifting words in order to help others to fight for their freedom and equality. This was very successful for a wide range of people (of color and those of non-color, whom supported them as well).

Dr. Kings' activism benefited all people, especially for me, making it possible for me to serve as the first African American Woman in the Kansas Senate.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this Legislation.

Senator Faust-Goudeau