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Senator Kellie Warren
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Dear Senator Warren:

Senate Bill (SB) No. 419 addresses a gap in our current aggravated endangering a child statute. With the flood of fentanyl into the state, children are being placed in dangerous environments where exposure to a small amount of this drug can result in serious injury or even death. SB 419 provides prosecutors with the ability to charge, if evidence warrants, individuals that knowingly cause or permit children to be in these environments.

In 2004, the Kansas Legislature addressed a previous emerging crisis involving the endangerment of children, protecting them from being placed in a methamphetamine distribution or manufacturing environment. This bill, appropriately, adds any fentanyl-related controlled substance to the statute, and reflects this era's drug crisis.

I urge your support of SB 419.

Sincerely,

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