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To: Chairman Kessler and members of the Kansas House Federal and State Affairs Committee

From: Chuck Weber, Kansas Catholic Conference

RE: ORAL PROPONENT TESTIMONY FOR HB 6016

On the first Sunday or Lent, in every Catholic Church in the world, we heard the Gospel proclaimed where Jesus is tempted in the desert by the Evil One. Jesus does not shy away or ignore the "temptations of Christ," but he is so stoic and wise and strong and does not take the bait.

This is the model the Catholic Bishops of Kansas and their public policy arm, the Kansas Catholic Conference, are now trying to follow, to the extent possible, and of course in a different time and place.

We do not wish to give this Satanic guy more "oxygen" (which he desperately craves) but at the same time we cannot be passive as he seeks to mock and desecrate Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. It is for this reason that, until just the past few days, we have only issued one statement about all this

Perhaps some here know this, but Catholics believe, and have believed for 2,000 years, that at every Catholic Mass, and following the command of Jesus at the Last Supper, that **Jesus becomes really present in the Eucharist**. We call this the Real Presence. His real Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. The Eucharist, for the Catholic, is the "Source and Summit" of our Faith. Really, it all begins there for the Catholic, just as it has in the Church (warts and all) for 2,000 years.

We offer this very brief synopsis because it is at the heart of why we have been taking this so seriously. **This Satanic group person says he has a real consecrated host, what we believe to be the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity or Christ in his possession and he has promised to desecrate it.**

If what this guy does what he says he's going to do, a so-called "black mass," this is the ultimate desecration of our Lord. It is an evil abomination that cannot stand unchallenged.

Furthermore, if this person somehow goes through with this, it will be done with stolen property, and it will entail the destruction of stolen property. Even if you don't care or don't believe as Catholics do, this is an unlawful and unacceptable act that should be stopped—**or at the very least condemned.**

But there is more. He promises to rip up and desecrate a Bible, along with, who-knows-what-else. This is part of his anti-Christian mockery and should be of grave concerns to all Christians.

For our part, we are going to have what we call Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption Church (right across from the Capitol) and Archbishop Naumann will preside over Mass at noon. That's pretty much it in Topeka. We are also asking for prayers across Kansas.

We are also calling upon the Governor and Legislative leadership to continue to seek ways to stop this from happening.

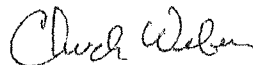
The actions of the Legislative Coordinating Council this morning was a great step. We encourage the Governor to finish the job and order the State patrol to not allow this group on the grounds of the Capitol.

Again, I know that we can (and should have) a debate about this division in thinking and belief of the Real Presence, but I wanted to reiterate this and say, that this is why, first and foremost, this planned Satanic worship ritual is a direct attack on the Catholic Faith and Catholics.

Thank you for your consideration of voting YES on HR 6016.

Chuck Weber
Executive Director, Kansas Catholic Conference

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Weber".

Chuck Weber
Kansas Catholic Conference