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Testimony

Good Morning,

My name is Emma Markiewicz, I am the human trafficking intelligence analyst for the Shawnee County District Attorney's Office. I specialize in open source and social media investigations, and provide comprehensive intelligence products to law enforcement to advance proactive human trafficking investigations. I am honored to be here in support of this legislation, and to share with you all my experience working in the anti-trafficking field. I felt called to get into this fight as a devout, practicing Catholic. In college, I came in contact with this issue, and realized the true horror of what human trafficking is. Called to this topic, I wrote an Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (ICCAE) funded project on the implications of the Russian-Ukrainian War on Transnational Human Trafficking. As I continued learning more, I realized that this wasn't an issue only affecting war zones, or our Southern border – It is a problem in every town across America.

I could start my testimony today by providing you statistics – like the average age an individual gets into prostitution is 13 years of age, with the a expectancy of just 7 years following entry (SPCC). Or that one nationally representative study, published in 2019, found that 1 in 25 adult men purchased sex within the past 3 years. The findings suggested that these paid sexual encounters may have exceed 10 million, and produced a billion dollars in profit for the sex trafficking industry (Journal of Criminal Justice, 2019). Another study found that while only



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6.2% of men reported purchasing sex within the past 12 months, 1 in 5 men, who have never bought sex before, admitted that they “could envision buying sex in the future if the circumstances were right” (Demand Abolition, 2018). This legislation would not only target the men that actively purchase sex, but could stop an entire new cohort of potential sex buyers from ever engaging in the industry, in the first place. While I believe that sharing these few statistics might have been helpful or eye opening, I also believe it is hard to connect with numbers. An issue impacts us most, when we confront it in a real world way that hits close to home.

One of the major roles I perform for the DA’s Office is to view online escort advertisements in order to identify potential victims, assess their risk of trafficking, and attempt to identify a potential trafficker. As of 1330 on February 21, there were 172,034 online escort advertisements, attributed to 53,995 profiles in Topeka, Kansas. When I came to speak in the Senate Judiciary Committee, last month, the number of advertisements increased by 722, and 199 new profiles have been created. As of the same date and time stamps, the totale advertisements posted in the entire state of Kansas is 1,503,556, attributed to 302,176 profiles. The number of ads increased by 11,031, with 2,163 new profiles created.

Now some of y’all may be wondering what an online escort advertisement is. Advertisements commonly consist of images of women, sometimes men, almost or completely naked. Often, images are taken of the advertised individuals by someone else, and unknown person hiding



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behind the camera. These women are posed in compromising positions, putting on a show for male buyers, before they ever even meet up. While these images are heartbreaking, oftentimes it is the text language of the advertisement that is the hardest part. The language of this industry is completely different – discussions of the price of services and times, how to contact them, emojis, various acronyms, all tell a story of what is going on. I want to share with you a handful of advertisements posted in the Kansas area, so you too can understand the language of human trafficking.

Ad 1: NO 16S!!!! (16th letter of the alphabet is P = PIMP)

Ad 2: “\$100 for a quickie, \$160 for 30 minutes, \$200 for an hour, \$300 bareback (which means without a condom), \$150 full body massage with a happy ending. \$100 for a bj without a condom, \$80 for a bj with a condom on”.

Ads 3: “my rates are \$100 qv, \$150 hhr, \$200 hr. Active specials are all 3 holes for \$250 or no rules anything goes for \$350”

Ad 4: “I got evicted about a month ago from my home so I am hoping to find a landlord, or someone who has a room or house I could work to stay in or we could work out a great mutually beneficial arrangement for rent” ... \$200 roses (\$) qv donation, \$400 roses (\$) for an hour”

The demand for these services fuel the industry, there is no doubt about it. Others testifying here today may present you with information or statistics on the types of men that purchase sex. From



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my position, utilizing OSINT and Social Media, I have been able to locate platforms where men congregate to post their locker room talk. Where they discuss the women they've bought for their own pleasure, talk about their looks, what services they paid received, and ultimately if they would recommend someone else to purchase her.

John 1: "larger lady for sure, nice tits and ass"

John 2: "slender tall build with a belly slowly growing on her. B cups that used to be a lot more perky but idk what happened. An ass that is a handful though". The user goes on the post that he would not recommend her.

John 3: "pretty face, nice body, large breasts (for an Asain anyway), baby damage."

We cannot accept this behavior within our society. This is not a society that we should want to live or raise our children in. The status quo is not enough for me, and I invite you to accept that it is not good enough for you either. There is one last thought I want to leave you with, and that is that prostitution and buying sex is not morally offensive because it shows too much of a person. It is instead morally offensive because it shows too little of a person. It reduces a person down to an object, denying them their inherit dignity and value. Pope St John Paul II wrote that there is no dignity when the human dimension [of sex] is eliminated from the person. This bill is not just about holding Johns accountable, or reducing human trafficking – but restoring dignity to the women of Kansas.