

To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Michelle McCormick, Executive Director, KCSDV
Re: Neutral Written-Only Testimony for SB 204
Date: March 11th, 2025

Chairperson Humphries and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) is a nonprofit organization located in Topeka, with 25 member organizations who provide direct services to victims of sexual and domestic violence in all 105 Kansas counties. KCSDV represents these programs, who provide critical, lifesaving services to Kansans. Services include emergency shelter, emergency helplines, counseling and support groups, accompanying victims to medical, court, and law enforcement appointments, and other supportive services. These services are provided to victims and survivors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Kansas domestic and sexual violence programs serve on average more than 60,000 Kansans each year.

KCSDV offers neutral testimony for SB 204, a bill that would require the case and warrant information to be sealed in criminal and juvenile offender cases.

We are specifically concerned about any identifying information being released about victims and survivors in criminal cases. We have recently been made aware of issues with victims identifying information including names and home addresses being publicly available on the court case management system. Public availability of this information is incredibly dangerous for victims who are being asked to participate in criminal cases against their perpetrator.

Safety and personal autonomy for victims is of utmost importance, and KCSDV respectfully requests the Committee to make sure SB 204 will fix any loopholes currently in the court case management system.

Respectfully submitted,



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