

Kansas House of Representatives Judiciary Committee Attention: Chair Susan Humphries

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Distinguished Representatives,

I am writing on behalf of the Wichita Family Crisis Center to urge your support for Senate Bill 204—a critical measure that will help protect the lives of domestic violence and human trafficking survivors in South Central Kansas.

At the Wichita Family Crisis Center, we provide essential services and confidential shelter to victims—primarily women and children—who are fleeing life-threatening violence. For many, our shelter is their only refuge. In fact, the Wichita Police Department maintains a direct hotline to our shelter due to the extreme danger many of these victims face.

Last year alone, we served over 30% more victims than ever before. Additionally, more than half of our clients required assistance obtaining protection orders, and many play a vital role in criminal cases prosecuted by the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office—whether by testifying, providing impact statements, or participating in prosecution interviews.

Protecting the confidentiality of victims' address information is not just important—it is a matter of life and death. Senate Bill 204 is crucial in ensuring their safety and security.

On behalf of the most vulnerable in our communities, I urge you to support Senate Bill 204. Your commitment can make a life-saving difference.

Sincerely,

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