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SB288

Proponent

Written Only

Chairwoman Kellie Warren and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am submitting my proponent testimony for SB288, Preventing Certain Sex Offenders from Entering School Property or Attending School Activities.

I strongly support this bill as sex offenders have absolutely no place anywhere near children. Children should especially in no way be subjected to encountering sex offenders in our schools. Schools should be safe places where children can learn without stress and anxiety about such a matter as that is their primary duty. It is only common sense.

This bill would legally prohibit sex offenders from being anywhere on school grounds. Other states have adopted such restrictions on registered sex offenders and passing SB288 would align Kansas law with the other states who have chosen child safety as paramount in importance.

Sure there might be a sex offender who is a parent of a child in school who would not be able to attend school functions or pick up the child from school. However, there could be as part of SB288 a process for such sex offender to request an exception if that individual has served the sentence and is in the process of reintegrating into society. But there would need to be clear guidelines set for such special cases.

Please pass SB288, as I and many others with whom I have talked are trusting in the integrity of you, our elected officials, to do what is right for the sake of our Kansas children!

Respectfully,

Gloria Bayer

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