

Written Only Proponent Testimony on SB 374  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Chairwoman Warren and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on Senate Bill 374. My name is Laurel Stiffler, and I am the Immediate Past President of the Kansas Federation of Republican Women.

SB 374 is necessary to prevent a profound failure of justice. When violent criminals are allowed to evade accountability because of technicalities, it is not merely a legal flaw — it is a betrayal of victims, their families, and the public's trust in our justice system.

The brutal murders of Logan and Austin were tragedies beyond measure. The fact that their killer may now walk free due to a procedural loophole compounds that tragedy and sends a devastating message to every victim of violent crime in Kansas. That outcome is unacceptable.

Passing SB 374 is a clear statement that Kansas stands with victims, not criminals; with accountability, not loopholes; and with justice, not excuses.

I urge you to act decisively. Please stand with victims and their families and pass SB 374.

Respectfully submitted,

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