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Senate Judiciary Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th Ave., Room 346-S
Topeka, KS 66612
RE: PROPONENT Testimony on SB-358
(written only)
No Bond for Certain Felony Convictions

Madame Chair Warren and Members of the Committee:

I had the honor of giving in person proponent testimony on HB 2192. I am honored to submit written proponent testimony for SB 358, urging amendment to include repeat PFA violations (K.S.A. 60-3101) + violent priors (battery/strangulation).

As a survivor and legislative advocate, I've seen PFA violators stalk, abuse and even kidnap (despite orders) endangering lives post-conviction/pre-sentencing. My abuser: 2011: domestic battery charge (later dropped), 2017 Spring Hill strangulation arrest; 2021-2023 -strangled/assaulted me multiple times, violated my PFA twice; 2022-level seven person felony charge for assaulting me. Around 2024, Hit-and-run with injury charge to another citizen while on probation. 2025- probation, violation and brief incarceration. My story is not uncommon. Repeat violent offenders show zero deterrence. DV recidivism is an astounding and deadly epidemic. I am lucky to be alive to be a voice for other victims today. At some point, a pattern needs to be recognized, and stopped.

SB 358's no-bond for felonies is critical, but standard PFA breaches remain bond-eligible misdemeanors—no automatic enhancement despite priors. 43% of DV homicide victims suffered prior strangulation (Campbell study). Amendment closes this gap, matching Texas no-bail models, complementing HB 2192/HB 2479(proposed).

Please amend SB 358: repeat PFA violations + violent history = mandatory no-bond. This saves lives during peak danger. (A proposed predominant aggressor legislative change would further complement this).

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to be contacted with questions.

Respectfully,
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