

Cathy Doane
Proponent Testimony for SB 358
to the Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee
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In-Person Testimony

Dear Chair Warren and Members of the Committee:

My name is **Cathy Doane**. As a survivor of a previous rape and a survivor connected to the Clark Peterson case, I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 358.

I am testifying today because SB 358 addresses a moment in the criminal justice system that allowed a convicted individual to walk out the courtroom door, even if for one night, like a free and innocent person, which he was not.

While I did not testify at this trial, I stand by the incredible women who came forward, working with the judicial system to put forward a strong case against Clark Peterson. All involved worked incredibly hard preparing for this trial. He was found guilty and was allowed to leave the court that day to go home. How devastating, how violated this must have been to these victims, these women, and any victims/survivors of serious crimes.

SB 358 is necessary because it ensures that once a person is convicted of certain serious crimes, bond is revoked and accountability is immediate. This bill would help prevent other victims and survivors from further pain and anguish and trauma.

SB 358 is the result of collaboration between victims and survivors, legislators, and local officials. It reflects what I and many survivors have been asking: a justice system that takes our safety and mental health seriously during, and after conviction.

I respectfully urge the committee to support SB 358 and advance this bill.

Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,



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