

Suzan Fitzsimmons
Proponent Testimony for SB 358
to the Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee
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Written-Only Testimony

Dear Chair Warren and Members of the Committee:

My name is **Suzan Fitzsimmons**. I am a victim and survivor connected to the Clark Petersen case, and I am testifying in support of **SB 358**.

SB 358 speaks to the criminal justice system that failed to support the 19 victims and survivors of Clark Petersen. Watching Clark Petersen return home before sentencing was a terrible blow to his victims and underscored the reason many of us were hesitant to report the assault on our bodies and mental and emotional health. After the extensive trauma we've been through, to realize we have not been heard and fully understood was shocking.

The legal system let us down.

There is no way to describe the loss of trust I feel.

SB 358 would help prevent other victims of crime from reliving the trauma, help regain our dignity and ensure our safety.

I respectfully request the committee to support SB 358 and give victims and survivors the safety and support they deserve from our legal system.

Thank you,

Suzan Fitzsimmons
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