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**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:

SB comes before you as a result of collaboration of victims, survivors, local officials and legislators. We ask that via this bill, you clarify and ensure that persons convicted of certain serious crimes have bail automatically revoked upon the rendering of a GUILTY verdict. This would assure immediate protection and safety of the community and the victims.

As a survivor of sexual abuse at the hands of a trusted chiropractor, I ask you to consider not only the need for immediate accountability of the criminal and the community safety, but also the message it sends to the community. This man was free to go home, to have the opportunity to flee, to end his life to avoid imprisonment, or just have a lovely evening with his family. We, the victims went home dumbfounded! The man that was convicted of over 50 counts was as free as we were. Was his conviction as a rapist not cause for immediate confinement?

I felt betrayed by the system. I felt re-victimized. I felt angry and confused. I understand there were circumstances in the trial that required the jury to return, but the man had been convicted!!! This outcome seemed to minimize the severity of the crimes he was found guilty of.. He walked out, just like we did...free as could be.

Please support and advance this bill. Communities throughout Kansas need to know that convicted felons of this kind will be punished immediately, and that their communities will be protected.....and that the victims of these crimes will not re-victimized by the judicial process.



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