

To the House Judiciary Committee,

I am testifying today to show my support for legislation that would reform clergy to become mandated reporters of abuse in the State of Kansas.

Kansas kids deserve another layer of protection by doing this; I know that this is important, as I attended Catholic school myself and also sent my children to Catholic schools here in Kansas.

I was quite surprised upon initially learning that no law like this has ever existed in Kansas, and I strongly feel that there needs to be. A priest is much like a counselor, and counselors are already mandated reporters here in our state, so making this important change for Kansans moving forward seems like a smart move for the greater good.

Clergy are integral parts of communities throughout Kansas, and by passing House Bill 2300, clergy would be greatly elevating the overall safety of communities across Kansas by becoming mandated reporters of abuse.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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