

Senate Education Committee

March 18, 2023

RE: Proponent Written Testimony for SB 255

Madam Chairwoman Baumgardner and Senate Education Committee:

Thank you for hearing about this important issue of safety for our public school students. I support SB 255 and also urge your support to get this bill passed.

It is astonishing – no, horrifying - that this bill is even necessary, but here we are! It is absolutely, unequivocally unacceptable for a girl to be forced to share a bed or even a room with a biological male during school travel!!!

We have three daughters. In our own home, we would not let them have a biological male in their room, whether friend, relative or stranger. Would something terrible happen? Probably not. Could it? Absolutely. We should not put our female students in a very uncomfortable position and possibly in danger by allowing a male to stay in the same room with them and possibly in the same bed. There is NO excuse for that!

Safety and protection is important for ALL students and I hope the committee will keep that in mind and pass this bill out of committee favorably. It is your job to protect and care for citizens of Kansas and that certainly includes young females on student trips!

Passing this bill is simple common sense.

Thank you!

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