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**MISSION:** The primary mission of the Kansas Black Legislative Caucus (KBLC) is to represent and serve the interest of Kansas African American citizens and other marginalized communities. Be a catalyst and effective advocate at the state level for critical issues and public policies.

Chairman Thompson and members of the committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Kansas Black Legislative Caucus. Our caucus wishes to express our strong support for SB 59, the designation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Capitol. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a visionary leader and a champion of justice, equality, and freedom. His tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to activism inspired countless individuals around the world and continue to inspire us today.

Designating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Capitol would be a fitting tribute to the legacy of this great American hero. It would serve as a reminder of the powerful impact that one person can have when they stand up for what is right and fight for change.

In addition to honoring the legacy of Dr. King, this designation would also serve as a symbol of our commitment to preserving and promoting his values. It would show that we, as a society, are dedicated to ensuring that his message of equality and justice for all remains a cornerstone of our democracy.

In conclusion, I strongly encourage the Committee to support the designation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Capitol. This would be a meaningful and important step in recognizing the significant contributions of this great leader and ensuring that his legacy continues to inspire future generations.

Respectfully

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