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House Committee on Federal House and State Affairs

Representative Will Carpenter
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Dear Committee

I am writing to offer my support for HB 2044, otherwise known as the Crown Act. I support it because i think that how you decide to have your hair is a part of you. It's something that is specific to you, so I don't think someone should be choosing that for you. I support the Crown Act because it protects the rights to treat hair however a person wants without a threat of racial discrimination or loss of school, participation in activities and job discrimination. .

My name is Brisa Rios. I am 17 years old and I was born in Iowa and I was living there most of my life until I moved here to Kansas City, Kansas to do my last senior year of high school. I support the Crown Act because I have a cousin who has an afro, but in the school she goes to the kids don't really have that kind of hair, so she has to wake up early just to straighten it because in the past she would get weird looks and even some bad comments. We need to normalize natural hair so my cousin and people like her aren't discriminated against.

Thank you for your time,

Brisa Rios