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House Committee on Judiciary

In Support of HB2024

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Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) is a statewide non-profit organization of the 29 sexual and domestic violence programs serving survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence across the state.

KCSDV supports the passage of HB2024.

Protection orders are civil orders. Information related to such orders is not regularly available to a court when imposing a sentence for the conviction of the crime of domestic battery. Providing the domestic battery sentencing judge with this additional information at the time of sentencing would be beneficial to the criminal process and to the larger goal of the criminal justice system – holding offenders, domestic violence abusers included, accountable.

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