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Dear Chairperson Patton and House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to oppose Senate Bill 157

(Creating presumptions related to temporary parenting plans and defining related terms under the Kansas family law code.)

This law would be detrimental for many families to include my sister and her children whose now ex-husband left the family while she was 2 months pregnant with their youngest daughter. Her ex-husband then denied paternity of the youngest daughter for 18 months until the judge ordered him to take a paternity test.

Equal parenting time should not be granted in all situations, especially in this case. Why should someone be granted equal parenting time when he has been arrested for domestic violence against his pregnant wife? Why should he be granted equal parenting time when he has a no contact order against him by his oldest adopted daughter? Why should he be granted any parental rights when he repeatedly disregards his child's allergies (as documented by her doctor) and sends her home sick every other weekend in need of medical attention?

Creating a presumption of equal parenting time would be detrimental to the health and welfare of my nieces and nephew and many children in similar situations. All aspects of a person's moral character and criminal record should be evaluated and the needs/health of the child needs to be put first. Presumptive parental time in this situation would lead to child abuse and neglect by their biological father, whose sole mission is to inflict pain and



suffering on them and their mother.

Please oppose Senate Bill 157.

Sincerely,

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