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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 458

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Senate Committee on Judiciary

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SB458 AN ACT concerning the Kansas standard asset seizure and forfeiture act; requiring a conviction prior to forfeiture; remitting proceeds to the state general fund; requiring proof beyond a reasonable doubt that property is subject to forfeiture; requiring seizing agencies to make forfeiture reports more often.

Good morning, Madame Chair Kellie Warren, Vice-chair Senator Wilborn, Ranking Member Senator Corson and other esteemed members of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 458.

In the view of my constituents, as a penalty for committing indiscretions against the law, i.e. drug offenses without clear and complete evidence may lead to an added stressor for a person or persons including arrest. I feel that a person or persons should not have to forfeit property which could lead to higher court costs while increasing the burden of proof on said person or persons. The consequences of forfeiture could include the loss of a home, vehicle and/or business without proper due process.

It is my hope that you vote to pass SB 458, sending relief to our constituents.

I urge your favorable support of the bill in Honor of Representative Gail Finney, who introduced a similar Legislation before her passing.

I appreciate your time and attention and your consideration of SB-458.

Thank you, Senator Faust-Goudeau