

KS SB59 Letter to Representatives

Subject: Please vote on Senate Bill 59

Dear [name of representative],

My name is [your name], and I am one of your constituents from [district #]. I am writing today to encourage you to support voting on Senate Bill 59, which was introduced to the Senate on January 21st, 2021, and heard in the Senate on February 2nd, 2021. The bill was withdrawn from the Consent Calendar and placed on General Orders on February 11th, 2021. No action has been taken since then to move this bill forward and modify the crimes of selling sexual relations, promoting the sale of sexual relations and buying sexual relations by changing terminology from "sexual relations" to "a sex act."

This bill is sponsored by a Kansas City organization called Veronica's Voice. Veronica's Voice is a survivor-led organization giving a voice to survivors of prostitution and sex trafficking. When listening to the voices of survivors, we understand that these crimes of "sexual relations" are not relational. They are a transaction and an abuse of power and control. The commercial sexual exploitation of the person being purchased is not mutual or equal, as the word "relations" implies. It is crucial to change the language to reflect this because laws shape our culture and influence behavior, and the words used in these laws have power. We must recognize that these are human beings in our community who are facing abuse and danger, and who are just trying to survive. These people need our help to end this exploitation and find alternatives.

I am curious to know your perspective on this change, and if you would be willing to help bring SB59 to a vote and to be heard in the House.

We must not only challenge people to make better choices, we must make a better choice an option. With your support, we can continue to make our communities better and care for those who are most vulnerable. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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