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Testimony

Good Morning,

My name is Emma Markiewicz. I am the Human Trafficking Intelligence Analyst for the Shawnee County District Attorney's Office, as part of the Special Investigations Division. I specialize in open source and social media investigations and provide comprehensive intelligence products to law enforcement to advance proactive human trafficking operations. I received my bachelor's in Political Science and minored in Intelligence and National Security Studies from the University of Kansas, hold over 130 training hours, and have almost a year of investigative analysis experience. I am here today on behalf of the Kaw Valley Anti Human Trafficking Task Force to advocate for S.B 71 to be voted out of committee for consideration by the full Senate. I am grateful and honored to sit before you all today in the Senate Judiciary Committee to share my experience and testimony working in the anti trafficking field on the law enforcement side.

I could utilize my time by sharing facts on prostitution and sex trafficking, such as the average age of entry into prostitution is between 12 and 14 (Office of Justice Programs, 2007), or that human trafficking is the second most profitable illegal industry in the United States (UNICEF, 2017). And while that would time well spent, I want to instead use my time to expose the prostitution industry in Topeka, and Kansas as a whole. I originally got into this field after I heard the phrase "God's children are not for sale" (Sound of Freedom, 2023). I realized that there was a problem in this world, and that through my education, I was receiving the training necessary to combat this evil. That led me to the District Attorney's Office, where I was selected to actively engage in fighting human trafficking every day. Through my time here, I have been confronted by the true evil that exists within our communities, that are on a scale unimaginable to most. I would like to use my time to bring you deeper than statistics will take you, to allow you to personally connect with this issue.

One of the key roles I've been assigned is viewing online escort advertisements in order to identify the individuals, assess their risk for trafficking, and attempt to identify a potential trafficker. As of 1100 hours on Monday, January 27th, 2025, there were 171,312 online escort advertisements posted in Topeka, attributed to 53,756 profiles. In the entire state of Kansas, there were 1,492,525 advertisements, attributed to 300,013 profiles. This is likely only a fraction of the industry, as many cases I've worked and individuals I've investigated, were never posted to an online escort site, but rather were sold to their traffickers friends or acquaintances, sold or propositioned through social media platforms, or found from their content posted to legal online webcam pornography sites.

I want to be clear when I state that the demand for the industry, drives the industry. Prostitution and human trafficking are not only "big city" issues, the demand for purchasing a human being



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exists in every town across our state. Without the demand, there would be no supply. For decades now, prostitutes have been criminalized, traffickers have been criminalized, and Johns – the sex buyers – have slipped right back into their communities undetected, never facing any legal repercussions for their devastatingly evil actions. There are men in our communities that will purchase a woman, then go home to their families, or return to their office, as though nothing happened. But something *did* happen.

I invite this body to go deeper with me again, moving past the anecdotes of cases I've worked on, and dive into what an actual advertisements looks like. These advertisements feature women posed most often, completely naked, and photographed from a camera held by an unknown individual. It is not the images of these women that devastate me the most, it is instead the language posted. I will now read portions of 4 real advertisements from the Topeka area.

Advertisement 1 reads: "\$100 for a quickie, \$160 for 30 minutes, \$200 for an hour, \$300 bareback (which means without a condom), \$150 full body massage with a happy ending. \$100 for a bj without a condom, \$80 for a bj with a condom on".

Advertisement 2 reads: "my rates are \$100 qv, \$150 hhr, \$200 hr. Active specials are all 3 holes for \$250 or no rules anything goes for \$350"

Advertisement 3 reads: "145 lbs, 5ft 3in, cup size c"

Advertisement 4 reads: "I got evicted about a month ago from my home so I am hoping to find a landlord, or someone who has a room or house I could work to stay in or we could work out a great mutually beneficial arrangement for rent" ... \$200 roses (\$) qv donation, \$400 roses (\$) for an hour.

There are many individuals that may hold the belief that these women willingly engage in prostitution, and that we should let two consenting adults engage in whatever behavior they wish. If anyone here believes that these individuals have a choice, then I invite you accept the notion that you are wrong. There are many women who do not have a choice, maybe in that instance, or that other factors have played a part in them engaging in this industry. In the 84 investigations I worked in 2024, 77 being women I identified through online escort advertisements, there are only a handful that I can remember, that were not abused in some form as a child. A woman may not always have a choice to engage in this industry, but John's – every single one of them – do.

You will hear later today the background and types of men that buy sex. But right now, you will hear straight from their mouths what they truly think about the women they purchase for their own pleasure. The way the rate them, discuss the women they've used online as though these men believe they exist in a digital locker room, and how they decide if they'd recommend others



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to purchase that woman or not. The following are real comments, made from real men in Kansas, which are posted to online escort rating websites.

John 1's comment reads: "larger lady for sure, but nice ass and tits"

John 2's comment reads: "slender tall build with a belly slowly growing on her. B cups that used to be a lot more perky but idk what happened. An ass that is a handful though". The user goes on to post that he would not recommend another man to purchase her.

John 3's comment reads: "pretty face, nice body, large breast (for an Asian anyway), baby damage."

This site collects when an individual opened their account, and how many encounters they've had. Of the handful of accounts I tracked to see how many encounters they've had and when their accounts opened, most of these men bought and reviewed their sexual experience between once a month and once every other month. These are only the self-reported encounters, and may not reflect the actual number of women they have bought for their own sexual pleasure. There were men who had been posting on these websites since 2010. I would like to reflect that these men have been buying and reviewing women, since I was in Kindergarten. These are not one time buyers. These are habitual predators, who do not believe that buying a person is wrong. And that must change.

We cannot accept that this is the society that we live in and will raise our children in. The status quo is not good enough for me, and I invite you to accept that it is not good enough for you either. I am here today to support this bill, because I still believe in the idea of being the change you want to see in the world. Please join me, my colleagues, and the many survivors across the state, by supporting this bill.

Thank you again for your time. This was an honor.