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Domestic and Sexual Violence Center

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Protection From Abuse Fund (K.S.A. 74-7325) for Kansas Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

Chairman Rhoades and Members of the Committee:

My name is Laura Patzner and I am the executive director of the Family Crisis Center, Inc. in Great Bend, Kansas. We are a dual program providing both domestic and sexual violence services in 10 rural counties in central and south central Kansas.

The comprehensive services our advocates provide are vital to the many survivors and their families however, they would not be possible without core operating dollars. Programs must maintain a foundation for which all services grow from. Without a stable administrative foundation, other dollars which fund the costs of providing a 24-hour crisis line, crisis response and criminal justice advocacy would not be possible.

The PFA Fund is our only option for administrative costs. Without this funding, our ability to provide the services that are utilized every day would have to be reduced significantly or eliminated altogether. As a small rural program, we rely on these dollars to continue to provide life-saving services.

I strongly urge this Committee to not pass HB2338 and to sustain the current court and docket fee structure in Kansas.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Director