



Kansas Children's Service League

Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
House Bill 2291
February 23, 2015

Chair Brunk and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2291.

The Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) is a statewide private non-profit 501(c)3 operating in Kansas since 1893. Our mission is to protect and promote the well-being of children. We reach nearly 40,000 Kansas children and their families each year through three key strategies: Preventing Child Abuse, Strengthening Families; and Empowering Parents and Youth. We are the Kansas Chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America.

Each year in December, KCSL with the support of our volunteers and corporate sponsors, conducts seven signature fund-raising events known as Red Stocking Breakfasts. These breakfasts are hosted in Kansas City, Topeka, Emporia, Hutchinson, Wichita, Garden City, and Liberal. The majority of proceeds are generated through corporate sponsorships of the event and individual ticket sales. Some businesses prefer to donate hard goods to support our cause rather than a financial sponsorship. These gifts present us with an opportunity to generate additional revenue to support our mission and to create excitement and fun activities for guests at the event. We have historically used the method of a "silent auction" to accomplish this goal. We are excited about the new opportunities that raffles might present for these events and further generate financial support for the work we do with children and families.

We support HB 2291 as written with one recommendation for change:

New Section 4(h)4(i) - For statewide organizations like KCSL, the certificate of registration should be valid for all premises operated by the licensed organization. A separate certificate should not be required for each venue.

All other provisions of HB 2291 seem reasonable and manageable to ensure the integrity of the intent of the constitutional amendment and reduce risk of fraud in the operation of raffles.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony on HB 2291.

Respectfully Submitted,

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