



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Senate Bill 262
March 11, 2015**

Chair Ostmeyer and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 262.

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, conduct 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 SB 262 as written as we anticipate proceeds from our raffles to be less than \$25,000 annually and so the provisions related to required criminal background checks would not apply to KCSL. Please understand, we do not disagree with the philosophical intent of criminal background checks for Directors, officers and staff but they seem too far reaching, expensive and a costly regulation to monitor given potential risk.

All other provisions of SB 262 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dona Booe".

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