



Testimony on HB 2524

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Senate Utilities Committee

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Chairman Olson and Members of the Committee:

As one of the largest wireless service providers in Kansas, Verizon is pleased to provide written testimony in support of HB 2524.

In a situation where someone is a victim of domestic violence, if they are not the wireless account holder, the ability of that person to make changes to their wireless service, such as to leave a 'family service plan' or to be able to keep their phone and existing phone number, can be seriously comprised by the account holder, who is often times the abuser in these situations.

The bill before you today make necessary changes to the law so that in the cases of domestic violence or other abuse, the wireless provider, upon a court order, can transfer all rights and responsibility for the use of telephone numbers from the abuser to the victim. This will allow a victim to keep their vital contact information and stay connected to their family, friends, employer, support networks and most importantly, have the ability to find shelter and guidance to move forward with their life.

HB 2524 addresses a critical communications issue for victims of domestic violence and I kindly urge the members of the committee to support HB 2524.

Respectfully submitted,

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