

PROPONENT TESTIMONY ON SB215

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Chairman Wilborn and member of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Women's March-Air Capital-Wichita Kansas stands in support of SB215.

Domestic violence is a blight on our community, as it is across the state, nation and the entire world. Wichita records more than three times as many domestic violence cases each year than either Johnson or Shawnee counties. This is an unacceptable burden and demands the attention of government leaders at every level.

SB 215 offers hope for the victims of domestic violence. It is a truly preventative strategy to help stem the tide of domestic violence.

The Wichita Women's March will take to the streets again on Jan. 25 for its fourth annual effort to rally support for issues that affect women's lives. Domestic violence is a top priority on that list of issues, and SB215 will be presented as a critical tool to help combat the problem..