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Mr. Chairman, and Senators of the Committee,

I am Philip Bradley representing the Equal Entertainment Group. I also have the permission of the Kansas Licensed Beverage Assn. to speak for them and both groups support efforts to combat human trafficking, stop domestic assault and other related crimes and unacceptable activities. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

We **applaud what we believe in the underlying intent SB 371.** However, we ask to share ideas based on our collective experience and share some apparent unintended omissions.

We suggest a comprehensive voluntary request of the business community to post the information provided. We have experienced a broader participation by taking this step first rather than a mandate. Specifically, that those not targeted feels there is no need for them to help and they are much less likely to participate. We would suggest that initially, with a thorough, comprehensive information program more success would be achieved not only with the businesses curently outlined in the bill, but many others as well.

However, if the legislature in its wisdom decides that a mandatory requirement is a good idea, we would suggest there are some areas, and businesses that would be essential to be included in this list from the start. Those would include transit areas; Hotels/motels, bus terminals, train stations, airports and trucking personnel terminals. Also, gas stations, grocery stores, adult item stores, liquor stores, thrift stores and "dollar" type stores. This is not a complete list but a few of the places that should be included to help achieve success.

Thank you for your time.

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