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Testimony in Support of House Bill 2008

**Presented to the House Committee on the Judiciary
By Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt**

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Chairman Patton and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing us to submit this testimony in support of House Bill 2008.

We applaud the efforts of the proponents of this bill to raise awareness of the issues surrounding missing and murdered indigenous persons. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is our state's lead agency in missing persons. The KBI has been studying this issue and the appropriate state response, and we appreciate their inclusion in this bill. If the bill is adopted, we stand ready to assist in implementing this bill and coordinating appropriate training with the assistance of other agencies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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