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To the Chairman of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

I am writing to express my support for SB 179 and the annual recognition of Susan B. Anthony day in the state of Kansas. Though known primarily for her quest for women's suffrage, Anthony's devotion to causes such as abolition, temperance, labor rights, and equal pay for equal work should make her just as notable. A passionate woman who gave nothing but one hundred percent of her energy to advance the rights of marginalized and oppressed groups, Anthony symbolizes the mission of the women's suffrage movement – the right for an equal voice.

The work that Susan B. Anthony did for the women's suffrage movement was vast and her efforts continue to influence generations of women to push boundaries and fight for equal standing. It seems fitting for this date of recognition to coincide with the celebrations of Black History Month and the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, contemporaries of Anthony's who also advocated for social reforms that promoted equality during a period of social contention and civil unrest.

This is more than recognition of a name; it is an opportunity to educate those in the state of Kansas and beyond about the sacrifices made by valiant women at both the local and national level. That despite setbacks, we are resilient enough to not be deterred from fighting for what we believe is right and that we continue to seek ways of uplifting one another as we move forward.

Sincerely,

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