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Bill Number: SB 479 An act authorizing a permanent memorial commemorating the Kansas Suffragist Movement to be placed in the Capitol

Disposition: Proponent

Written and Oral In-person testimony

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**TO:** Chair Senator Olson and members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

I am speaking in support of Senate Bill 479. Our work began with the 100th plus years celebration of the passage of voting rights for women. Kansas has been at the forefront of recognizing women and men have equal rights. Kansas passed legislation granting the right to vote in 1912; eight years before the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. There were many significantly important women who advocated and worked to achieve the vote. We wish to honor these women with a memorial in the Capitol. It will evoke inspiration, educate our citizens, and commemorate women who have had an impact statewide and nationally.

Senate Bill 479 allows the Capital Preservation Committee to work with our committee regarding the selection of art and the placement of this art in the Capitol. A substantial monetary amount has been committed to the project and the committee wishes to build upon these funds for this commemorative suffragist art project.

I recommend you formally support passage of SB479. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the Commemorative Suffragist art project.

I would be happy to answer any questions.

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