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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee  
In Support of SB497  
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Chair Warren and Committee Members:

Our associations support SB497 providing statutory authority to coordinate multidisciplinary team training for human trafficking intervention. Human trafficking continues to be a significant problem in Kansas. The survivors of human trafficking have a strong need for intense specialized support across a broad spectrum of services. A multi-disciplinary team approach can be very beneficial in coordinating a successful outcome for these victims.

For the past several years, I have assisted the Office of the Attorney General in their human trafficking programs and efforts. This has included training throughout the state attended by a broad range of service providers. We have seen substantial improvements in outcomes reported in areas where the multidisciplinary team approach has been implemented. We believe passage of this bill will enhance development of additional teams.

We encourage you to pass the bill favorably.

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