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Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Regarding SB 419 (Proponent)  
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Chairwoman Warren and members of the Committee:

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) supports SB 219. The fentanyl crisis in Kansas (and nationwide) continues to worsen. The KBI has prioritized and dedicated significant resources to the Fight Against Fentanyl with the Joint Fentanyl Impact Team (JFIT) which includes four K9 teams trained in the detection of Fentanyl and other dangerous narcotics. We are asking for additional enhancement funding in this Session to continue to meet the challenge of fentanyl.

This bill would amend K.S.A. 21-5601 to include any fentanyl-related controlled substance to aggravated endangering of a child. The KBI believes this is a necessary and important amendment that will protect children and punish those who manufacture and distribute fentanyl and other dangerous drugs in our communities.

The KBI appreciates the work of this Committee in this regard and stands ready to assist as needed.

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