

# KAPCIC

Kansas Association of Property & Casualty Insurance Companies Inc.

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## **SB 317**

### **Written Testimony Before the Senate Judiciary Committee**

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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Association of Property and Casualty Insurance Companies (KAPCIC), our state trade association for domestic property and casualty insurance companies. Most of the KAPCIC member companies are domiciled Kansas companies and our members live and work here in the state.

KAPCIC has concerns with SB 317, which eliminates the statute of limitations, liability caps and protections for claims arising from childhood sexual abuse. When tort claims caps are increased or eliminated, the cost of insurance increases considerably and insurers may leave the market. This bill increases the exposure of those that can be sued in the state of Kansas, which is concerning as we assess the cost and availability of insurance.

We feel deeply for the victims of sexual abuse in the state and weigh those concerns against the concerns we have on the bill. We urge your careful consideration of SB 317.

Thank you for your time and I am happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.