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Chairman Owens and members of the committee, I am Tanya Keys, Director of Children and Family Services with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 84.

Paramount in planning for the permanency of a child is safety and well being. Permanency planning should allow for stability of the child's living situation and the continuity of family relationships and connections. If a child cannot reside with parents, thoughtful consideration should be given to all relative placement alternatives. Permanency plans submitted to the court should justify the child's selected placement and document the reason a relative placement alternative is not selected.

SRS supports SB 84 and the improvements it provides to families involved in the child welfare system.