

February 20, 2013
Testimony in Support of SB- 167

Senate Judiciary Committee:
Chair, Senator Jeff King,
Vice-Chair, Senator, Greg Smith,
Ranking Minority Member, Senator David Haley

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and other distinguished Members of the Committee:

Thank You for the opportunity to speak in support of SB-167.

Mr. Chairman, this summer I was contacted by Mrs. Guadalupe Magdaleno, who is a" Worker's Rights Organizer for Sunflower Community Action Agency in my district.

She shared with me that she was working with three different families, who had formed a group called "Justice for Survivors" to help their daughters who were sexually abused when they were younger and had psychosocially suppressed the abuse from memory.

However, the young ladies are older now and with courage and help, they are willing to talk about the abuse and even file charges against the perpetrators.

The group contacted the Wichita District Attorney's Office with no avail, as they were told, because of the Statute of limitations it was too late, for the young women to file charges.

Mr. Chairman at the request of the families, I agreed to help remedy the situation by pre-filing SB-4.

I was then contacted by Senator Greg Smith who was working on similar legislation and we decided to merge our efforts and collaborate on language for SB-167, in which we both support, to help bring justice for victims of sexual abuse.

Thank You for your time and attention. I urge your support for SB-167

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau