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From: Faith Rivera

Ref: Opposition to KS Rep. Aaron Coleman efforts to show he is unfit to serve as a Kansas lawmaker

Chairman Baker and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon, my name is Faith Rivera and I am a single Hispanic mother, grassroots activist, and a domestic abuse survivor here in Kansas City, Kansas. I am in opposition to Kansas Rep. Aaron Coleman staying in office. Because as a survivor I have learned that men with Coleman's past do not change their behavior even with professional help. They actually evolve their abuse to more heinous and disturbing acts. As I learned more and more about Aaron's victims and his abuse I saw many similarities to my ex boyfriend Gayle Alan Sanford, registered sex offender, kidnapper and rapist. From the start of this alarming revelation I could tell there were more victims than what we first discovered.

I met Rep. Aaron Coleman in early March of 2020 in Topeka. When my friend and I walked away from our introduction we felt Aaron was socially . I have said, talk to Coleman for 2 minutes you see him as a passionate person for change. But give him 10 minutes and you will see his instability and awkwardness. He was always harassing and bugging me and my organization Our Revolution, which I was Kansas Chair, for an endorsement. I cut ties with him June a few days later when his first victim, Ciera Marie, publicly told her truth about Rep. Aaron Coleman. Her post happened around June 17th via Facebook. This was the 1st post that revealed other victims, Kati Hampton and Jewell White. From then on it seemed as time went on more and more young women were coming out about Rep. Coleman. August 23rd, 2020 we learned about Taylor Passow, a recent ex-girlfriend of Aaron's. They dated from November 2019 to January 2020. She was at the time the most recent victim and the abuse was elevated from what we heard of his past. These were not threats via, photos, cyber or text. This was hands on. In October I was on the phone with Brandie Armstrong. She was on her way home and I was shopping at Target. Her voice quivered and she said he was at my house. I questioned her asking who was at her home. She explained, Aaron Coleman was at her door again after she asked him to not visit her residence. I knew her statement was true because I saw the two way communication about her ask not to come to her address. I advised Brandie she needs to call and speak to the police to see what legal steps can be done. He in my eyes had escalated his behavior and is becoming more obvious in his mistreatment of another woman.

We have found nine women within our community currently that have opened up publicly about their interactions with KS Rep. Aaron Coleman; Ciera Marie, Kati Hampton, Jewell White, Taylor Passow, Megan McQuinn, Brandie Armstrong, RJ, Cheyanne Dawn and Alexandra Cortez. Some in the past and some as current as a few months ago. I hope you will see his behavior is not one of an adolescent but has evolved into a 20 year old man who at one time threatened to shoot up a local high school. He is not stable to make laws that will protect us, especially with

his behavior as a serial abuser. We do not need predator in office. Kansas and myself thank you for your time and consideration on my testimony. I urge you to expelling Kansas Rep. Aaron Coleman seeing he has very bad judgment calls personally and professionally.

Sincerely,

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