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Testimony in Support of SB-111

Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee, Chair, Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, Vice-Chair, Senator Jay Emler, Ranking Member, Senator Faust-Goudeau

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

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of SB-111.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge the four tribes of Kansas that are federally recognized, by honoring them with the Native American Legislative Day at the capitol. I believe, it is important that we strengthen government to government relationships with the four tribes of Kansas.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly support this legislation because it demonstrates our willingness to appreciate others and their culture as we work together strengthening our economy here in Kansas.

This legislation was brought to my attention by Representative Ponka We-Victors who is the first Native American Woman to serve in the Kansas House of Representatives.

Thank you for your time and attention. I urge your support for SB-111.

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau