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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-148.

It is my honor today to speak about the importance of passing SB 148. This bill is intended to protect the many worthy organizations and people that conduct raffles in all of our towns, large and small, throughout this great state. Raffles are a Kansas and national tradition that have a long history of assisting in funding charitable organizations and community efforts. As you will hear today, raffles help fund scholarships, school trips, youth baseball and softball, volunteer organizations, churches and community enrichment programs.

Raffles are effective methods of raising money and they should be protected under the law as legitimate fundraising activities. The causes for which money is raised are admirable and supported by Kansas citizens. I urge you to support the favorable passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

Kansas Senator, District 13