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**Testimony Re: SB 283
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Chairman Owens, Members of the Committee,

My name is Amy Raymond. I am the Program Manager for the Topeka office of YoungWilliams Child Support Services. I am also an attorney who has enforced child support in Kansas for almost 10 years.

YoungWilliams Child Support Services contracts with the State of Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for a flat rate to enforce and modify child support orders. As of January 3, 2012, YoungWilliams has had 36,776 cases referred us. From July 2011 through December 2011, YoungWilliams collected over \$25,000,000 for the children in Kansas.

We are responsible for a variety of enforcement of child support orders including but not limited to filing Motions for Contempt for non-payment of support, issuing court ordered bench warrants, registering foreign child support orders here in Kansas for enforcement, ensuring orders remain alive and enforceable, establishing income withholding orders and requesting wage and non-wage garnishments. Each of these actions is vital in the enforcement process to ensure we are taking every action we can to obtain money for Kansas children. Each of these actions requires service of process and our primary agent for service of process is the sheriff's department.

Current law exempts non-governmental firms contracting with the State from paying service of process fees. If this bill is approved without an exemption for non-governmental firms, the cost to our firm would be approximately \$288,000 per year. This would severely limit the number of enforcement actions that would directly affect the families that we serve.

I encourage you to adopt the bill only if it exempts non-governmental firms acting on behalf of the state or any municipality from paying service of process fees.