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Neutral Testimony Regarding SB 61 as amended

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding 2013 SB 61 as amended. I was a member of the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Advisory Board, which worked on this bill. Additionally, I serve as the Chair of the Compliance Committee for the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. I am pleased to say that the bill's provisions regarding a staff secure facility, as defined in New Section 6 and Section 31 of the bill, appear to address concerns previously raised regarding compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. This was a significant problem with the human trafficking bill introduced last year, and I believe that concern has been resolved with this version of the bill.

The Senate amended Section 18, giving the courts discretion to order a person convicted of buying sexual relations in violation of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-6421 to enter into and complete a suitable educational and treatment program regarding commercial sexual exploitation. We support this amendment. At this time, "suitable educational and treatment programs" do not exist throughout the state. That fact necessitated this change.

I appreciate the opportunity to indicate that our concerns with this bill have been resolved and would be happy to respond to any questions you might have.