



## THE KANSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee  
State Capitol

March 8, 2022

Written Testimony Only in Support of SB130

RE: Crown Act SB130

Greetings Chairman Senator Rob Olson and Committee Members,

The Kansas African American Museum, located at 601 N. Water, Wichita, Kansas, serves as the cultural hub for innovative collaboration, familial and historic storytelling, thought-provoking exhibits, highly sought-after collections and interactive continuous learning centered around the African American experience.

In the African and African American culture, hair is a vital component of a person's identity. The broad range of hairstyles adorn in the African American community serve as an expression of pride, place, promise and possibilities! Natural styles, braids, locks, and various enhancements symbolize the beauty, heritage, and history of our culture. It is critical that our society respects people of color who choose to wear their hair in natural styles in the workplace, without the fear of retribution or discrimination.

As we continue to educate and celebrate the richness of the African American culture, The Kansas African American Museum submits this written testimony in support and as a proponent of the passing of SB130.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise Sherman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Denise" being more prominent than the last name "Sherman".

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