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**Senate Ways and Means Committee  
In Opposition to SB218  
Submitted by Safe Homes, Inc.  
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**Protection from Abuse Fund (K.S.A. 74-7325)  
For Kansas Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services**

Chairman Masterson and Members of the Committee:

Safe Homes, Inc. is a non-profit organization that serves victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Chautauqua, Cowley, Elk and Sumner Counties.

Safe Homes, Inc. is strongly opposed to SB218 as it is the only grant that the sole purpose is the operations of the organization. This allows us to run and supervise the organization by funding nearly 20% of the Director of Operations and Finance, the Director of Client Services and the Director of Development positions.

Funding in the past 3 years has continued to be cut for our organization:

2011 Funding we received: \$38,084; DV: \$32,000, SA: \$2,500, SB 326: \$3,584

2012 Funding we received: \$31,755; DV: \$27,255, SA: \$4,500

2013 Funding we received: \$25,430; DV: \$25,164, SA: \$266

If PFA was taken away we would be crippled because we would have no funding to run the overall organization. With the cuts that we have taken on the state level we have gone out and looked for other sources to level funding for our organization. We have approached the counties for funding and were turned down from all 4 counties we serve. We approached United Way for additional funding and they were able to give us an additional \$2,000 this year. We also have gone out to the community organizations and churches and requested additional support, where we have been told they are doing as much as they can, which we are thankful for!! As you can see we have done what we can to maintain a great organization that can assist victims in need. Without PFA funding to support our administrative structure I am not sure if Safe Homes, Inc. will be able to survive and provide services at the level we currently are.

Safe Homes, Inc. strongly urges this Committee to not pass SB218 and to sustain the current funding for PFA.

Submitted by,

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*Safe Homes, Inc. provides services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in South Central Kansas.  
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