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Chairman Wilborn and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to consider HB 2467. Though the spousal exemption for the statute on rape was removed decades ago, this language persists in the statute for sexual battery. I ask the committee to support the removal of this outdated and unnecessary language. Sexual battery is sexual battery, and no marriage certificate should absolve a perpetrator of an action that would constitute a crime without said certificate

By enacting this change, Kansas can send a message of support to victims of domestic violence. Marriage should not absolve offenders of guilt nor deprive victims of justice. It is time to make this law reflect our values as Kansans. I hope that this committee and the legislature will join to support this change.

Thank you for your consideration,

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