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Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary in Support of SB56
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Chairman Patton and Members of the Committee:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports SB56. We have established a Human Trafficking Task Force and work with local community leaders and businesses to monitor for and take appropriate action when complaints of illegal activity are received. I serve on this task force.

Education of the public is a crucial component in the fight against human trafficking. Many members of the public are not aware of the many different types of trafficking that exist or of the indicators of human trafficking.

Education is also need for the victims of human trafficking so they may have an opportunity to access resources to assist them in being extricated from these situations. SB56 is one way to increase awareness and publicize resource information for both victims and those who may be witnesses to trafficking.

Reporting is another component of combatting this issue and these notices provide the public with information on who to contact, which in turn, allows law enforcement to take action.

We ask that the committee recommend the bill favorably for passage.

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