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Chairwoman Warren and Committee Members,

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office is in full support of SB 503, otherwise known as Bowie's Law. We believe that this amendment addresses the intentional mistreatment of animals and will help ensure the well-being of our animal companions.

- The bill adds the word "maliciously" and elevates the crime to a felony. We are advocating a police K-9 bill, known as Bane's Law, for the same reason. The willful and intentional act of causing serious injury or death to a police K-9. This bill asks for stiffer penalties and was passed out of committee.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office asks that you support this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jeffrey Easter  
Sheriff