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**Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee
In Support of HB2464
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Chairman Kinzer and Committee Members,

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Association supports HB2464. Passage of this bill will protect the children already victimized in these crimes from further exposure of the pornographic images which are evidence in these cases. The bill provides a requirement for the prosecution to provide "*ample opportunity for inspection, viewing and examination of such property or material at a law enforcement facility by the defendant, the defendant's attorney and any individual the defendant may seek to qualify to furnish expert testimony at trial*". Clearly anything short of allowing the review necessary for the defense to prepare their case and defend their client will be problematic for the prosecution in court.

We believe this is a matter where the proposed restrictions are a reasonable balance between the rights of the defendant and the need to protect the child victims. These children are already severely traumatized by these crimes and will grow up not knowing how widespread the dissemination of the pornographic images have become or when one of those images will come back to haunt them all over again. Allowing the defendant access to these perverted images will only serve to further traumatize these victims for many years in their future. We owe it to them to minimize that mental trauma provided we can, in balance, assure the defendant a fair trial in the process. We believe this bill meets both of those needs.

During the legislative conference our associations recently held, all three of our associations voted to make the protection of children one our major 2012 legislative agenda items. This statute clearly falls within that category.

We urge you to support HB2464 and recommend it favorable for passage.

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