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To: Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

From: Melissa Johnson, President, KCDA

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Re: SB 349 – Creation of a litigation fund for securities fraud prosecutions.

Honorable Chairwoman Teichman and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association in support of SB 349.

Securities fraud is a serious problem that faces all jurisdictions across the state of Kansas. Security fraud investigations and prosecutions can be very time and resource intensive due to the complex nature of the crime. It is the county where the prosecution commences that bears the cost burden of the prosecution. Some counties may not have the budget to adequately fund these high cost prosecutions. Therefore, the establishment of a securities litigation fund at the state level to assist local prosecutors in these cases is appropriate given the nature of the crime.

The KCDA respectfully ask that the committee to act favorably on the provisions regarding the securities litigation fund in SB 349.

Respectfully,

KCDA President