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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of the Substitute for HB2427
Regarding Privacy of Certain Personal Information of Law Enforcement Officers
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Chairman Owens and Committee Members,

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association supports providing for a mechanism for law enforcement officers and other in the criminal justice system to have their personal information held from public open records. Many of the people we are dealing with on a daily basis pose a threat to the safety of not only the officer, but too often the officer's family is also targeted.

While these acts of revenge or acts of desperation are not common, the level of concern among law enforcement is high. We know our home addresses cannot be completely kept secret in today's world. However, if we can take reasonable steps to make it more difficult to obtain that information and do so at a reasonable cost, then we believe that opportunity should be made available.

We are aware of such laws in California and Washington state. There is also a bill in New York but we are uncertain of its status. The proposal in HB2427 is much less inclusive than the laws in those states.

I have attached an amendment we recommend for consideration. It would go further than the bill as passed by the house by withholding address information from any public record, not just searchable website data.

Your consideration of this measure is appreciated.

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(51) Records of a public agency ~~on a public website which are searchable by a key word search~~ which identify the home address or home ownership of a law enforcement officer as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp.21-5111, and amendments thereto, parole officer, probation officer, court services officer or community correctional services officer. The agency head of such law enforcement office, parole office, probation office, court services office or community correctional services office or such individual officer shall file with the custodian of such record a request to have such officer's identifying information removed from **public access**. ~~the searchable public website.~~ Within seven days of receipt of such requests, the public agency shall remove such officer's identifying information from such **public access websites**.