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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of SB81
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Chairman King and Committee Members,

SB81 is a trailer bill for a bill passed last year that protects open public access to home addresses of several criminal justice professionals including law enforcement officers. While the bill last year was not our bill, our associations strongly supported it. The bill passed last year met some problems in practical application by public entities.

The purpose of the law is to make it more difficult for people with bad intentions to readily access the home address of public safety officials. This is a problem we occasionally face when people show up at an officer's home intimidating the officer or the officer's family in retaliation of actions taken against the individual. While this law will not stop this action, it will make it more difficult and hopefully drive the person to a face-to-face request for the information rather than the anonymity of accessing it via the internet.

Over the interim, a group of interested parties from the various groups affected by the new law met to discuss the difficulties being faced with implementation of the new law. Through those discussions we agreed on the language in SB81.

To be clear, the revisions in SB81 do not go as far as the law passed last year goes in protecting the target information. However, we believe the amendments are reasonable and it is important to us to retain this law in some form. Therefore we strongly support the bill as submitted.

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Association encourage you to recommend SB81 favorably for passage.

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