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Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
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Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to testify today on behalf of House Bill 2352. I'm unable to be there today and ask that my testimony will be accepted in written form today.

As the President of the Greater Wichita Ministerial League we would like to express our support of House Bill 2352. The Greater Wichita Ministerial League is a league of Pastors and Ministers from all denominations and belief. And it is our prayer that this bill will allow men and women that may have made a mistake as a juvenile but has turned their life around to become assets to our community. We are a league that believes that opportunity for change should not be denied because of past mistakes.

May I also add from my own personal experience. Mr. Chairman I served in the U.S. Navy and before I joined I had a charge as a juvenile but was still able to serve. And I truly believe that because of the opportunity afforded me by the military it helped me to become who I am today.

Mr. Chairman I also serve as a mentor for Freedom Challenge and have worked with juveniles and adults have saw them turn their lives around for the good. I also serve as the leader of the God Squad that works closely with the Chief of Police for Wichita. Sir I have dedicated my life to help those that desire another chance to receive it. And believe that this bill will send a strong message to the community that our government also believes in another chance.

I am asking you today to support House Bill 2352.

Submitted on this 20th day of February, 2017
Greater Wichita Ministerial League

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