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Testimony to the House Committee on Corrections & Juvenile Justice in Support of HB2534
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Chairman Jennings and Committee Members,

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports HB2534 relating to defining exhibition of speed or acceleration offense.

The goal of traffic law is to protect lives and property by providing an established and recognized procedure for operating vehicles in a safe manner.

While most people understand what this offense is, currently it is not defined. K.S.A. 8-1565 is silent on the definition. Instead, it is recognized more along the standard established in 1964 in the United States Supreme Court case of *Jacobellis v. Ohio* when Justice Potter Stewart stated, "But I know it when I see it..." HB2534 provides needed clarity for the offense of exhibition of acceleration.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office urges your support of HB2534 and we ask you to recommend it favorably for passage.

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