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Testimony of Dennis Phillips

Re: SB 137

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee I, thank you for this opportunity to appear before you today. I am here on behalf of the Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters to ask for your support of SB 137. This bill would increase what the family would receive when a Firefighter or Police Officer dies in the line of duty under KP&F pension system. Under current law the family would receive 50 percent plus up to additional 25 percent if there are children.

When a Firefighter or Police Officer dies in the line of duty this put a financial strain upon their families. They still have their house payment, car payment, medical bills plus the everyday expenses but with a reduce income. Under SB 137 the family would have the option of taking the 50 percent or use the officer's years of service which is ever greater.

Again I would ask for your support of SB 137 and I would stand for questions.

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