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Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of HB2571
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Chairman Honorable Senator Wilborn
Vice Chair Honorable Senator Lynn
Ranking Minority Member Honorable Senator Haley

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in the Senate Judiciary Committee on House Bill 2571.

I come to you as an active Police Officer and administrator in a small Kansas municipality.

This bill will impact 435 Law Enforcement agencies in the State of Kansas. Seventy percent of those agencies have fewer than ten officers. Fifty percent have five officers or less. Many of these Law Enforcement agencies lack support staff to accomplish the clerical functions associated with the office. The staff functions are performed by Officers themselves, while still available to respond to calls.

The bill as amended by the House requires the law enforcement agency to allow certain people listed in section 1, subsection (c) to view the video within 20 days of the request. WE believe this is a workable timeline. We also support the other related changes as found on page 12 line 42 to clarify more than one parent, not just "a" parent is permitted to see the video; the amendments relating to the "heir at law" on page 13 lines 3-5 and on page 14 lines 16-24; and clarification to allow an attorney representing any of the listed persons on page 13 line 6.

We also support referring the other provisions in SB360 to the Judicial Council for study.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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