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To: Chairman Concannon and Members of the House Committee on Children and Seniors.

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Re: Proponent Testimony for House Bill2438

Good Afternoon Chairman Concannon and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB2438. I am addressing you on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association and the many Kansas prosecutors they represent.

This house bill seeks to allow important and critical information gathered by the State Child Death Review Board to be provided in narrowly defined circumstances. Currently, this valuable information is unavailable for the purposes of research, study and valid law enforcement investigation and prosecution purposes. The limited circumstances outlined in HB2438 in which the information held by the State Child Death Review Board can be provided or reviewed would each serve to prevent child death and to enhance Kansas efforts to protect the health, safety and welfare of children.

1. HB2438 allows information to be provided to law enforcement and County and District Attorneys for thorough investigations of child death and abuse.
2. HB2438 allows de-identified data gathered by the State Child Death Review to be accessed for valid research and study approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
3. HB2438 allows for data gathered about Kansas children to be aggregated with like data gathered across the nation by other states in the Child Death Review Case Reporting System.

We urge the passage of this important measure on behalf of the Children of Kansas

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