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To: Chairman Jennings and Members of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
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Re: Opponent Testimony for House Bill2050

Good Afternoon Chairman Jennings and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony for HB2050. 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 respond to the problems that have plagued the intermediate sanctions sentencing scheme since its enactment. Our association objects to HB2050 as it fails to fix the problems and instead merely shifts the cost to the local community and local sheriff.

It is our position that enacting piecemeal fixes like HB2050 that are untested and are not supported by data or evidence is a costly exercise in futility. The prosecutors of Kansas are always interested in evidence based criminal reform measures unless they sacrifice public safety and subject Kansas citizens to financial or physical harm.

We question why are we doing quick dips and soaks at all? If the scared straight approach is not working then what good does it do to have the violators spend time in the county jail instead of KDOC. We need local programs not sanctions in jail paid for by jails to simple increase jail credit for sentenced defendants.

We urge the rejection of HB2050.

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