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To: Chairman Jennings and Members of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

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Re: Proponent Testimony House Bill 2132

Good Afternoon Chairman Jennings and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of the passage of HB2132. I am addressing you on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association and the many Kansas prosecutors they represent.

This important piece of legislation is concerned with unwanted sexual exposure to a non-consenting adult. In the past this type of was only treated as a misdemeanor offense. In recent days public awareness has be brought to this type of offensive unwanted conduct this change considers a specific type of conduct;

publicly exposing a sex organ or exposing a sex organ in the presence of a person who is not the spouse of the offender and who has not consented thereto, with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desires of the offender or another.

While Kansas has long considered this conduct a crime it was only penalized as a misdemeanor if the offended person was over the age of 16 years of age. HB2132 allows for a enhanced penalty to a Severity level 10 felony. We urge your passage of HB2132

Respectfully Submitted

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