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To: Chairman Jennings and Members of Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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Re: Proponent Testimony House Bill 2485

Good Afternoon Chairman Jennings and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB2485. 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 align and increase the felony loss thresholds in Kansas fraud and property crime statutes. While these crimes substantially effect Kansas citizens and businesses, the loss threshold should be consistent for Kansas financial crimes regardless of the way they are accomplished. Through the years this body as increased these felony loss thresholds to reflect economic changes and the various property and fraud crimes were aligned so the loss threshold was the same for these crimes. This measure may also allow some cost savings for prosecution offices as felony prosecutions are generally costlier than misdemeanor prosecutions. Nevertheless, Kansas prosecutors will continue to robustly prosecute financial crimes regardless of the felony/misdemeanor designation on behalf of Kansas citizens who suffer from criminal financial loss.

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