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## *Home of the Bearcats*

Date: February 10, 2020  
To: Rep. Fred Patton, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
From: S. Allen Konicek  
Superintendent of Schools USD #454  
Subject: House Bill 2532

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before this House Judiciary Committee today. As a School Superintendent, Transportation Director and occasional bus driver I would like to ask for your support in providing a safer environment for students while loading and unloading a school bus.

We have seen the number of stop arm violation increase over the last several years and feel this trend might continue due to cell phone use and text messaging. Something is needed to slow this down. I feel that House Bill 2532 and the technology available would be a step in the right direction to accomplish this task. House Bill 2532 would allow for the fine to be assessed to the registered owner of the vehicle. The current system asks too much of a driver of the bus in regards to the recognition of the car and identifying the person behind the wheel. At a time when a student was put at risk, the last thing on my mind is the other vehicle.

Until we have the resources and manpower to have law enforcement out in greater numbers, this bill would be a good first step in protecting Kansas kids.

On behalf of the Superintendents, Transportation Directors, bus drivers and most importantly, the Students of Kansas, we would appreciate your support of House Bill 2532.