

To: House Judiciary Committee

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RE: Written Only Testimony in Support of SB 427

I want to thank Chairman Patton and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 427. SB 427 is the annual legislative review of exceptions to disclosure of public records.

The League supports this legislation specifically for the continuation of the following exemptions from the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA):

- (1) KSA 38-2310(c) which provides special rules for the records of law enforcement officers and agencies and municipal courts concerning offenses committed or alleged to have been committed by a juvenile 14 or more years of age.
- (2) KSA 45-221(a)(52) which protects the addresses of judges, prosecutors, and city attorneys addresses from being public accessible on a searchable database; and
- (3) KSA 46-1129 which protects the confidentiality of survey responses to legislative post audit.

SB 427 continues necessary exemptions from the KORA. We respectfully ask this Committee forward SB 427 to the full House for its consideration.