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

From: Steve Kearney, on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association

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Re: Proponent Testimony – House Bill 2028

Chairman Jennings and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB 2028 on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association and the many prosecutors it represents.

HB 2028 would align and increase the felony loss thresholds in Kansas fraud and property crime statutes where the penalty level depends on monetary value to increase the ceiling for a misdemeanor from less than \$1,000 to less than \$1,500. HB 2028 would bring the loss threshold for the enumerated crimes in line with ~~other~~ other criminal penalty statutes such as KSA 21-5801 pertaining to theft of property or services. The felony threshold for theft was raised from \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 in 2016. The Kansas Legislature has increased these same felony loss thresholds to reflect economic changes and this measure is consistent with that theme.

The KCDAAs urges your favorable consideration of HB 2028 and respectfully requests that you pass this measure out of this committee favorably to be considered by the full House of Representatives.