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Proponent Testimony to the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice for SB368

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Chairman Owens, Vice Chair Smith, Ranking Member Highberger, and Members of the Committee:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports **SB368 - Requiring registration as a sex offender for violations of the crime of internet trading in child pornography or aggravated internet trading in child pornography.**

As an agency that is responsible for the monitoring and oversight of the Kansas Offender Registry we feel this is an important step in keeping children safe, providing peace of mind for parents, as well as providing assurance to victims that the whereabouts of their perpetrator(s) are known.

Victims of this type of crime suffer emotional and mental trauma, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Photos posted on the Internet and Dark Web often surface long after the initial posting, retraumatizing the victim. The registry is a way for victims and their families to gain some control over a situation that they had no control over.

We appreciate the Attorney General's Office for introducing this bill and we ask that the committee recommend the bill favorable for passage.

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