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**Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary Justice in Support of House Bill 2228**  
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**Chair Patton and Members of the Committee:**

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports **HB2228 - Requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy regarding submission of sexual assault evidence kits and allowing evidence collection at child advocacy centers or other facilities.**

This bill is the next step in solving more crimes of this type. Evidence from Sexual Assault Kits (SAK) has been used to solve multiple crimes thanks to inputting qualifying profiles into the CODIS databank. Not just in Kansas but in other states as well. The bill is the product of the Kansas Sexual Assault Response Advisory Committee (K-SARAC). By using the best practices outlined in this bill crime victims will be better served, and public safety will be enhanced.

The "submit-all-test-all" recommendations in this bill will ensure that SAK's are tested in a timely manner and prevent any further backlog of untested sexual assault kits.

While the Johnson County Sheriff's Office is supportive of this bill, we do have an amendment request. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory is referred to in the bill as the Johnson County Criminalistics Laboratory. This is not the correct name of our lab. We would request that in each instance where "Johnson County Criminalistics Laboratory" appears (Page 1, Lines 9-10, and Page 4, Lines 16-17) it be amended to read "Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory."

We would ask the committee to recommend the bill for passage with this technical amendment.

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