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To: Rep. Fred Patton, chair, and members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Emily Bradbury, executive director, Kansas Press Association

Re: Testimony in support of House Bill 2292

Rep. Patton and members of the Committee:

I am Emily Bradbury, executive director of the Kansas Press Association, which represents approximately 200 daily and non-daily newspapers across the state.

I am writing today in support of House Bill 2292. Our association and the Kansas Association of Broadcasters worked with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office during the 2020 session to modify the original provisions of then-HB 454 to avoid the need for another new exception to the Kansas Open Records Act.

This agreed-to language is the solution we arrived at, which adds language and definitions to an already-existing exception in KORA that deals with security. We agree keeping plans and procedures governmental agencies use to keep this information secure is appropriate.

We believe this bill accomplishes what the Secretary of State's Office set out to do originally, to appropriately protect cybersecurity and election security.

We support its passage as written. Thank you.

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