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To Whom It May Concern:

The State of Kansas has been a national leader in Reentry services for individuals leaving prison or jail. Reentry can be summarized by removing or overcoming barriers to returning to a normal life. When someone is released to parole or probation they are required to obtain employment. To obtain employment you must have a valid ID and a Social Security card. Failure to obtain employment leads to revocation and return to prison/jail.

Douglas County has worked to help citizens leaving jail overcome this barrier by investing significant resources into overcoming this barrier. In 2019, our Reentry program paid for more than 100 ID's at \$12-22 each. They are able to do this because the Sheriff has prioritized this need in the budget. To verify the identity of the citizen, the Sheriff's Office supplies documentation from their database that is the property of the Sheriff. This documentation remains in the possession of Sheriff's staff who must accompany the citizen to the DMV office, then return with the documentation to be shredded. Requiring 2-5 hours of staff time for each ID assisted.

While the Sheriff's Office is willing to continue to serve citizens of Kansas in this manner. These resources can be applied to overcoming other barriers leading to the success of those transitioning. For this reason I support House Bill No. 2192.

Sincerely,

Jay Armbrister, Sheriff

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay T. Armbrister" with "D650# 5203" written below it.