

To: House Judiciary Committee

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RE: Proponent Testimony on HB 2299 – Written Only

We want to thank Chairman Patton and the members of the Committee for affording the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2299.

HB 2299 extends the time to execute a search warrant from 96 hours to 10 days. This change will bring Kansas more in line with the standard that has been set in neighboring states and throughout the country.

Affording more time between the issuance of the warrant and when it must be executed gives law enforcement entities more time to consider variables they are presented with and establish a plan most likely to protect the safety of all involved. Further, with an increasing number of searches being executed for electronic records and other virtual spaces that require significant review and time to finish the search, extending the time allowed for execution of a search warrant appears reasonable, if not necessary.

For these reasons, we support HB 2299 and ask this Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.