

February 2, 2012

Representative Colloton, Chair
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice

RE: House Bill 2232

Dear Chairwoman Colloton and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sergeant Neil Vogel. I currently work for the Leavenworth Kansas Police Department and have done so for the past 10 years. Approximately 6 of those years I was assigned to the Special Investigations Unit as an investigator for narcotic related crimes. I am currently assigned as the Sergeant over the Special Investigations Unit. Throughout my carrier as a narcotics investigator I have received hundreds of hours of specialized training in the field of narcotics investigations. This is a short list of some of the training that I have received:

I attended the Kansas Top Gun IV course in September of 2006. The course covered all aspects of narcotics investigations to include; management of confidential informants, writing search warrants, warrant service, tactical planning, legal issues, identification of illegal narcotics and prescription drugs, surveillance, ethics, asset of forfeiture and drug tax stamp, undercover techniques, and courtroom testimony. I am also an instructor in field test kits for the NARC II system by Sirchie and I am also certified by Lynn Peavey for the use of their closed field test kit systems. I have also completed several courses that have been provided by the Midwest Counterdrug Training Center. A List of the courses are as follows: Informant Development and Management, Clandestine Laboratory Safety certification, Writing Search Warrants, Electronic Surveillance, The D.E.A. Basic Narcotics Investigators course, Interview and Interrogation, Physical Surveillance, Undercover Techniques and Survival, Advanced Undercover Techniques and Survival, Physical Surveillance, Clandestine Lab Safety Re-Certification and Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement.

I come to you today because I have seen an increase in the amount of prescription pill crimes. It is not uncommon for me to review a report where someone has reported their medication stolen or an officer has recovered an amount of prescription pills on a person who has been arrested. Sometimes these pills that are recovered by our officers are not even controlled and more often than not do not belong to the person that was in possession of them. This causes me great concern because people are seeking alternate ways of getting "high" and do not fear any consequences because the pills they are using are not classified as being controlled. Prescription pill usage is on the rise in everyone's community. These items are also easy for children and teens to get their hands on simply because they are so plentiful.

Thank you very much

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