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Madam Chair Colloton and Members of the Committee,

I appear today on behalf of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in support of passage of HB 2568. This bill would amend the Kansas Offender Registration Act (K.S.A 22-4901, et seq.) to clarify duties of each registering entity and make technical changes to the act. This legislation is intended to protect children by providing a more consistent and comprehensive interstate system of managing sex offenders.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Offender Registration Working Group have proposed several changes to the Kansas Offender Registration Act to resolve several issues, concerns, and loopholes brought to the attention of the Working Group and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation by prosecutors, courts, and local law enforcement.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has been charged with maintaining the state's offender registry since its inception in 1993. In order to further improve the Kansas Offender Registration Act, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Working Group are asking for some technical revisions to the Act.

The KBI and the Working Group seek the following changes:

- Require registration of municipal convictions for sex, violent and drug offenses.
- Provides criteria to require registration in county of employment or school if they are employed/attending school for three or more consecutive days or parts of days, or for 10 or more nonconsecutive days in a period of 30 consecutive days.
- Requires the court to register offenders at time of conviction/adjudication instead of sentencing or disposition.
- Removes treatment facilities as a registering entity
- Transfers responsibility of national sex offender registry (NSOR) entries from registering law enforcement agencies to Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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