Dear Chairman Jennings and Members of the Committee:

I write to you today as a proud conservative republican who stands staunchly opposed to the death penalty and encourage you to vote in the affirmative in support of HB 2167.

Just two years ago, the Kansas Federation of College Republicans unanimously voted to call for the repeal of the death penalty. To me, the death penalty conflicts with conservative values. The death penalty is costly, incompatible with a culture of life, and unnecessary.

Young conservatives like myself recognize that our broken and fallible system of capital punishment in no way matches up with our conservative values. By ending the death penalty, Kansas has an opportunity to promote a culture of life and fiscal responsibility. As Republicans, as Democrats, as Kansans – whether young or old – this is a smart reform that we should all support.

Sincerely,

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