Testimony of Randall S. Barbour Kansas Land Title Association Senate Judiciary Committee Opposition to Senate Bill 10 January 19, 2017

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee. My name is Randy Barbour. I am an underwriting counsel for First American Title, I have been a member of the Kansas Bar Association Committee for The Standards for Title Examination for over 20 years and I am a past president and current member of the Kansas Land Title Association ("KLTA"). I'm appearing on behalf of KLTA today. KLTA has represented abstractors and title insurance agents in all 105 Kansas Counties since 1907.

We do want to go on record expressing concern over New Section 2 in SB 10.

New Section 2 creates a crime, a felony for certain persons who "present to a recorder of record for filing", documents relating to public officials. Since we are in the business of filing documents and want to be able to continue to help all persons, including public officials, obtain desired transfers of property.We are concerned of any possible unintended consequences. This felony potential might result in any title work for a public official including requirements for additional affidavits and hold harmless agreements.

We are open to alternative suggestions and will be happy to work with the proponents of this measure to foreclose any unintended consequences from this enactment.

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