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I am contacting you in behalf of moving Correctional Officers into KPF from KPERS corrections. Correctional officers are considered law enforcement officers in the scope of their duties according to Ks law. We are trained and qualified with firearms in the event it is necessary to protect ourselves and others from death or great bodily harm. This also in Ks. Law. We work regularly at or below minimum staffing levels. This is exacerbated by high turnover rates and more recently Covid 19. I missed two weeks due to this and brought it home to my 83 year old mother who was subsequently hospitalized due to complications. I have walked thousands of miles on concrete and climbed thousands of stairs over 38 years of working at LCF this has led to arthritic knees one surgery and a probable knee replacement. I have wrestled inmates, responded to stabbings, gang fights, fights, suicide attempts, and negative drug reactions. I have been attacked, bitten and covered in feces all in the line of duty. I have also been fortunate that I have responded to fewer of these situations than many others because of my position and shift. Many have had it much worse. I believe that putting correctional officers in KPF will be a perk that will make the job better and help to retain officers. This in turn will alleviate staffing issues lessening the stress of the job. That should also help retention. Divorce ,suicide, and alcoholism rates are all higher than the average for correctional officers, while at the same time life expectancy is lower. I will be at the Capital Monday afternoon to speak if you should see fit. I appreciate you consideration of this matter and would greatly appreciate a positive vote.

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