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Testimony on HB2096

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The Senate Transparency and Ethics Committee

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The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) would first like to thank the Chair and members of the Committee for considering House Bill 2096. We support this bill.

As a Department, we appreciate the introduction of HB2096 which will provide needed personal protection for our local correctional officers and detention officers, employees of the KDOC, and the employees of the judicial branch.

These professionals dedicate themselves to a career of service in the criminal justice system. In doing so they are exposed to the same persons, and risks that these persons or their associates may use public records in ways that are not intended, as our law enforcement officers, parole and probation officers covered under current law. Including these professionals will help ensure the safety of their families and property by providing them a process to not have their home address and property ownership posted to public websites.

I thank you for considering HB2096 and look forward to being a resource in your work.

Thank you