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**Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
In Support of HB2740
February 14, 2024**

Chairman Owens and Committee Members:

Our associations support HB2740. The bill addresses the sentencing provision for 3rd or subsequent conviction within five years for non-aggravated domestic battery. The sentence is currently a non-grid person felony, and the bill proposes making it a SL7 person felony.

Domestic violence continues to occur too frequently in Kansas. The sentence for the first two convictions is a B misdemeanor for the first, and an A misdemeanor for the second. That does not change in this bill. The sentence for aggravated domestic battery also remains unchanged.

We believe the application of the higher sentence is very appropriate for a third time offender. The defendant was obviously not moved by the first two convictions, and a harsher penalty is good public safety policy, in our opinion.

We urge you to move the bill forward favorably.

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