

February 5, 2023

Honorable Chairman Ellis,  
Vice-Chair Dodson,  
Ranking Minority Member  
Weigel and Committee Members,

RE: HB211 Office of Homeland Security

Please accept this as my written testimony to HB2211 "Establishing the Office of Homeland Security with adjutant general's office".

Establishment of a Homeland Security within the Kansas Adjutant General's Office would take away the authority of local law enforcement agencies (police / sheriff) and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

In addition, passage of HB2211 would make the Kansas National Guard an intelligence gathering agency in the civilian law enforcement realm. The ramifications of this are essentially giving the KNG as much authority with local Kansans liberty as the FBI on a federal level. And we all see how that's going. It is the local sheriff's duty to protect the constitutional rights of citizens.

I respectfully request that you do not pass HB2211 out of committee for the above reasons.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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