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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 2613
Presented to the Senate Committee on
Education**

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Senator Baumgardner and Members of the Committee,

D.A.R.E. America is grateful for the opportunity to provide additional written testimony in support of HB 2613. The Youth Services Division of the Kansas Attorney General's Office is sponsoring this important bill. The Drug Enforcement Administration calls fentanyl *"the single deadliest drug threat our nation has ever encountered."* Since 2015, Kansas has experienced a 561% increase in fentanyl deaths. What are we doing to protect our children from this threat?

Multiple states have begun to introduce and enact new laws requiring fentanyl prevention education to be presented in all schools, in some cases, annually to students in all grades. In response to the Fentanyl crisis, D.A.R.E. America has launched the following in-class lessons and assembly presentations. Our comprehensive Fentanyl & Opioid Prevention Education Program Includes:

- K-12 Opioid Prevention Education Curricula
- High School Fentanyl Assembly Presentation
- Middle School Fentanyl Assembly Presentation
- High School In-Class Fentanyl Lesson
- Middle School In-Class Fentanyl Lesson
- Elementary In-Class Fentanyl Lesson
- Community Fentanyl Presentation
- College Orientation Fentanyl Presentation

HB 2613 will provide funding to enable the Kansas Attorney General's Office to launch a state-wide program to meet the needs of every community. We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Craig Seibel
Regional Director

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

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