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**Proponent Testimony on HB2613
To the Senate Education Committee**

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Chair Baumgardner and Committee,

The KACP, KSA and KPOA are offering written testimony in support of HB 2613.

D.A.R.E stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education and has been an intricate education program that is taught by law enforcement for grade school and middle school children. The program has a curriculum that is very strictly followed and offered in numerous schools in Kansas.

The program allows law enforcement to interact with children to help build relationships between law enforcement and children. Most of all, the program is utilized to help guide young minds on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and how to combat peer pressure.

HB 2613 would require the D.A.R.E. curriculum to include content on fentanyl and other opioid drugs. Needless to say, we are seeing kids that are turning to fentanyl as their drug of choice and these same kids have died from fentanyl overdoses. We recognize that education is a large piece of the puzzle to protecting our children from the hazards of fentanyl and the seeming mundane delivery systems children are unwittingly exposed to.

In section (2) subsection (d), we support the language being proposed to establish in the state treasury the drug abuse resistance education fund to be and administered by the Office of the Attorney General. We also support that all expenditures shall be used for supporting the purposes of the D.A.R.E. program and the creation of a statewide D.A.R.E. Educator.

We encourage you to move this bill forward favorably.

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