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To: Kansas House Judiciary Committee

I am sending this letter in support of House Bill 2253. Kansas has failed to take care of the citizens that work every day to support their families and pay their taxes. Many of the citizens I watch over not only support their community, they feed our country, if not the world.

It is very frustrating to explain to a victim of theft they will see no satisfaction or compensation, or that I hope they have insurance that will cover the loss of the tools they use to support their families and our communities. It is ridiculous to me that a person fears no real consequences from the courts for a "property crime" when the true loss is neither appreciated nor recognized by the courts as factual evidence to support the punishment.

When people lose the tools, equipment, or livestock it can be the equivalent of someone locking us out of our offices. Any work revolving around the stolen item is lost and cannot be done until replaced for a price costing more than the value of the item stolen because it has depreciated. If reported to insurance the victim is now penalized with higher rates.

I feel our criminals need to face some higher rates also. They do nothing to contribute to our society, while draining tax money from the people they are stealing from to support their own drug habits. I appreciate your consideration on this matter and appreciate your time.

Thank you all

Jimmy White
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