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To: [H.Judiciary@house.ks.gov](mailto:H.Judiciary@house.ks.gov)

Subject: Statement of Support for Proposed Bond Determination Amendment - HB 2389

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed bond determination amendment that requires individuals with significant criminal histories (non-drug offense scores A-D) facing serious charges (severity levels I-III) to have bond decisions delayed until their second court appearance.

This measured approach enhances public safety by allowing prosecutors sufficient time to provide courts with comprehensive information about prior convictions. Rather than making rushed decisions with incomplete information, judges will be better equipped to make appropriate bond determinations based on a thorough understanding of an individual's criminal background.

This balanced policy protects community safety while maintaining the judicial process's integrity through more informed decision-making.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislative measure.

Sincerely,

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