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Proponent Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee On HB2134 as Amended by House Committee March 3, 2025

Chair Warren and Committee Members,

Our associations are supportive of open government. However, as in any endeavor there must be balance between competing interests, including covering the costs of generating open records documents. We raised several concerns with the bill as originally proposed in our opponent testimony to the original bill in the House Judiciary Committee.

Subsequent to the hearing, we worked through the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties as they met with proponents to discuss issues many of us voiced. Those discussions led to the amendments made to the bill in the House Committee. The amendments have made the bill something we can live with.

We no longer oppose the bill with the amendments made by the House Judiciary Committee.

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