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Date: March 3, 2025
To: Chair Warren and the Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: City of Overland Park
Re: Written Testimony on HB 2134 (Neutral)

The City of Overland Park appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony on HB 2134. The City was previously opposed to this bill, but is now neutral because of the compromise amendments made in the House. As long as further changes are not made that impose burdensome unfunded mandates on cities and their taxpayers, the City will remain neutral on this bill.

For informational purposes, in 2024 the City received over 2,200 KORA requests and over 80% of those were made to our Police Department. The KORA as currently written does not allow a public agency to charge unreasonable fees, and agencies may only charge the actual cost of responding to a request. The City would submit that the current structure provides the proper balance of access to the records without placing overly burdensome costs on the agency or its taxpayers. However, we also believe that the current version of HB 2134, as amended, would not disrupt that balance by creating increased administrative and financial burdens on municipalities (and especially police departments).