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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Opposition of SB116
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Chair Warren and Committee Members,

Our associations join the opposition position of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association and others to SB116.

From a law enforcement perspective, we always accept information from inmates with skepticism. However, they often are the source of valid information that points us to sources of good leads that we can investigate. It is not infrequent that they provide us information leading us to the true perpetrator of serious crimes.

We always thoroughly investigate the information we receive from these inmates. We look for corroboration of the information provided through other sources. This is critical to give credence to the information. Occasionally, our investigations reveal the information is not valid. But in other cases, we are able to verify the information provided advancing our case investigations. Occasionally, these inmates point us to a person of interest not previously connected to the case.

It is important that restrictions placed on this source of information do not discourage these people from coming forward with valid information that can lead us to the perpetrator of crimes and allow the victims of those crimes to see justice in their case.

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