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Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
In Support of the Proposed Amendments to HB2427
Regarding Privacy of Certain Personal Information of Law Enforcement Officers
February 20, 2012

Chairperson Colloton and Committee Members,

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association supports providing for a mechanism for law enforcement officers and other in the criminal justice system to have their personal information held from public open records. Many of the people we are dealing with on a daily basis pose a threat to the safety of not only the officer, but too often the officer's family is also targeted.

While these acts of revenge or acts of desperation are not common, the level of concern among law enforcement is high. We know our home addresses cannot be completely kept secret in today's world. However, if we can take reasonable steps to make it more difficult to obtain that information and do so at a reasonable cost, then we believe that opportunity should be made available.

We are aware of such laws in California and Washington state. There is also a bill in New York but we are uncertain of its status.

Your consideration of this measure is appreciated.

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