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Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary in Support of HB2001
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Chairman Patton, Vice Chairman Ralph, Ranking Member Carmichael, and Members of the Committee:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports **HB2001**.

The world we live in today has made this type of activity incredibly easy. All it takes is a cell phone, tablet, or computer. Numerous apps are available that blatantly promote the sending of these types of picture but there are many other applications that are targeted to the younger crowd and exploited by predators. Often it is our young people who are lured into sending nude images to a person they may not even know. The sending of a picture can lead to more serious crimes such as sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation tracks apps, websites and businesses that promote sexual exploitation. They publish an annual list, a "Dirty Dozen" list of apps & websites that are known to be used to facilitate sexual exploitation.

The number of calls for service that we have received for this type of activity has increased over the last 5 years. These calls ranged from cybertips from the ICAC/National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to a parent contacting dispatch due to messages found on her daughter's "Discord" app. Investigation found that this child had communications with multiple adult men on several other apps, including Snapchat and Google Hangouts.

HB2001 is another tool to combat cybercrime of this nature. We support this bill and ask that the committee do so as well.

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