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Rep Fred Patton, Chairman

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2299 that will extend the time in which a search warrant must be served from the current 96 hours to 10 days.

The intent of this bill is not only meant to ensure the safety of law enforcement but also the public. My career in law enforcement allowed me to be a member of the Kansas City Metro Squad that investigated homicides in Kansas and Missouri. While investigating a homicide in Missouri I first learned about how their officers had 10 days to serve a search warrant. Serving a search warrant always has been and will always be unpredictable and dangerous.

Prior to the execution of a search warrant we always tried to identify persons living or staying in the area where we intended to serve a search warrant. We often contacted utility companies, postal inspectors, conducted a drive-by to learn everything we could about the people that would be affected by the search warrant. We were also very concerned about children and dogs, and the problems they present. But this takes time. No matter how well we prepared, often we had to change our approach to serve a search warrant.

Recently in the news, in different parts of the country there have been several incidents that resulted in the death of an officer or other persons that may not be directly involved in the execution of the search warrant.

If Kansas law enforcement officers are given additional time like their counterparts in surrounding states, they may be able to better control a situation and not be pressured to execute a search warrant when it may not be convenient and ensure everyone's safety.

Respectfully,

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