

February 15, 2022

Written Testimony Regarding SB 483
Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairwoman Warren and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with the perspective of the Community Bankers Association of Kansas (CBA) regarding SB 483 and why we support the bill without reservation.

My name is Shawn Mitchell, and I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of the CBA. I started my banking career in 1995 and worked in three Kansas financial institutions before becoming CBA's CEO in 2009. CBA is a statewide association formed in 1978 of locally owned and operated banks bound together by the shared philosophy that a community bank can best serve its local community. CBA's membership is limited to community banks (in contrast to accepting the large regional and nationally based banks into membership) allowing our policy engagement to solely focus on and help community banks in Kansas.

SB 483 helps our members address an issue that has risen in significance over the last few years and now we concur with others requesting this amendment to the criminal statutes regarding criminal damage to property. We support the addition of the definition of a "remote service unit" to include an automated cash dispensing machine or automated teller machine to add the value of restoration of the damaged site to the value of the unit, thus increasing the criminal penalty. Increased criminal penalties will not protect our investments, but the penalties may serve as a deterrent.

Without reservation, CBA supports SB 483 to lessening one of the more pressing issues on our Kansas community banks. We urge your support for this bill and respectfully request that this committee recommend favorably the passage of SB 483.

I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions.

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