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Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and respected committee members. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today about HB 2690. I serve as the GIS and Technical Specialist for the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council. My goal with this testimony is to present an amendment to HB2690 for your consideration and to answer any questions you may have about the operational impact of HB2690.

Amendment - Add language allowing the State 911 Board to *“enter into and support agreements for the interstate and interlocal interconnection of ESInets”* as a new item under New Section 2(b) on page 4, line 5.

Reasoning - This would allow the State 911 Board enter into agreement and cover costs related to connecting to neighboring 911 networks like those belonging to surrounding states or the Mid-America Regional Council. Next Generation 911 (NG911) calls have the potential to include both voice and data from a variety of sources. When the call needs to be transferred to a neighboring jurisdiction, it must be transferred through the Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) to assure the data is sent along with the caller’s voice. The KS 911 Coordinating Council’s hosted phone system already allows for this kind of transfer between jurisdictions on the system. The interconnections mentioned in the amendment could facilitate this kind of transfer between jurisdictions on the Council’s system and their neighbors on other ESInet systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

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