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HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARING ON HB 2007

Written Testimony in Support of HB 2007 on behalf of the City of Shawnee

By Katie Killen, Assistant City Manager
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Honorable Chair and members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee:

The City of Shawnee recognizes the importance of putting specific laws in place to protect our law enforcement officers and provide necessary assistance in our region when responding to critical incidents across state lines. That is why the Shawnee Governing Body has included specific language regarding this mutual aid issue as one of its 2015 state legislative priorities stating:

The City supports mutual aid legislation allowing law enforcement agencies to work cooperatively with their counterparts in adjoining states. Such agreements can foster more efficient responses to emergencies.

Missouri has already enacted legislation that is similar to what you have before you. In speaking with our police chief, Larry Larimore, who you will hear from during the hearing representing multiple law enforcement groups, this legislation is something the law enforcement community on both sides of the state line has spent considerable time researching and identified the need for.

We encourage you to join with your colleagues from Missouri in passing this legislation for the State of Kansas in order to put such laws into effect for the Kansas City Metropolitan region.

Thank you for your consideration.

