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TO: House Federal and State Affairs Committee

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RE: Support for HB 2007 Written Only

I want to thank the Chair and Committee members for accepting the written testimony of the League of Kansas Municipalities in support of HB 2007.

As the Committee is aware, HB 2007 is limited to certain counties in the Kansas City metro area, and will aid law enforcement in those areas to more efficiently cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the Kansas City, Missouri metro area.

The League supports HB 2007 as an example of cooperation between local governments finding ways to provide police protection to their citizens in an efficient and cost effective manner. HB 2007 will allow law enforcement departments in the Kansas City metro area to share equipment and personnel in times of critical incidents.

The League of Kansas Municipalities respectfully requests that the Committee pass out HB 2007 favorable for passage.