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TO: The Joint Committee on Corrections & Juvenile Justice

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RE: Body OR Dashboard Camera Requirement for Active Kansas Law Enforcement Officers

Chairman Rubin; Members of the Joint Committee:

Thank you for this interim hearing on an ongoing, crucial national discussion and for allowing my written testimony, *in absentia*, due only to a rare, sudden invitation to a KC Royals World Series Parade. Speaking of the Royals, it had been 30 years (1985) since KC last won a World Series. Today each of us contemplate issues surrounding augmenting on-duty law enforcement officers with audio-visual recording devices for their own protection *and* for the protection of those they are TRAINED and PAID to serve. Today, majority polling of every demographic, including rank and file law enforcement, recognizes the benefit of body cameras. This consensus, some of us among them, grapple with superficial questions that will seem ridiculous in 30 years (2045) while the end objective, we recognize here today, is to resolve and to swiftly implement a seamless policy that doesn't discriminate among Kansas populations.

As solo sponsor of SB 18(2015)the Police and Citizen Protection Act, realize that my intent was to see kept forward in Kansas, for legislative discussion and refinement, a better blueprint for what our country is rapidly considering to be standard equipment for any active officer; uniformed or plain clothed and policies surrounding these devices. The issues of : privacy (for the officer and the citizen) ; rebuttable presumptions for not recording during an incident ; initial and ongoing costs of equipment, training and secure storage of recorded data (especially as "unfunded mandates") and considerations will be arcane in 2045 when any taxpayer supported surveillance in every public interaction is considered routine.

Nationally, clear examples of video recordings continue to emerge, both through the uses of mounted dash cameras, law enforcement body cameras and audio visual accounts recorded of incidents by the general public (most often by cellular phone cameras which are not, and will not be, subjected to open records exclusions) and the issue of "equal protection" for both our men and women in all Kansas' law enforcement as well as for the general public which each is sworn to "serve and to protect" AND the equal protection of ALL Kansas communities regardless of size; in that larger populated jurisdictions are usually instituting continuity in audio-visual policies without statutory intervention.

As witnessed in ONE jurisdiction (New York) just this year, a multi-million dollar judgment far in excess of the cost to buy/maintain equipment, train personnel and store data can greatly hamper any local budget. Accordingly, we eagerly await this Committee's favorable work product for the 2016 Session.

Thank you.

—David Haley (WY)

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