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Chairman Ostmeyer,

I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 421. The Sedgwick County Courthouse building meets the requirements of a building secured by adequate security measures. We currently have a public entrance with armed security and metal detector screening in addition to several restricted access entrances.

However, we often have long wait times at these public entrances caused by large lines during high traffic times. We also have many individuals that enter the building and go through our security screening multiple times a day. They typically are attorneys, news media, or other court officials or visitors who utilize county services.

With the passage of SB421 we would be allowed to offer a fast pass ID badge to those who apply and pass a background check to enter our building through the employee restricted entrance. In addition, the presence of district court facilities in our building would allow us the option of prohibiting these individuals from carrying a firearm. This would provide a great and needed service to the attorneys, court officers and media who visit our courthouse regularly.

I urge your passing of SB421 out of committee favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KBA", is written over a horizontal line.

Kelly B. Arnold
Sedgwick County Clerk