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**To: Members of the Kansas House of Representatives serving on the Roundtable  
Discussion Regarding Child in Need of Care and the use of Police Protective Custody**

Honorable Members of Kansas House of Representatives:

The Shawnee County District Attorney's Office respectfully submits the following priorities for strengthening the Police Protective Custody (PPC) framework in Kansas. Our goal is to ensure that when law enforcement must intervene to protect a child from imminent danger, they do so with clear protocols, real-time support, and interagency coordination that improves both safety and accountability.

The top priorities we urge the Legislature and agency leaders to adopt are as follows:

1. Mandate Interagency Communication and 24/7 Support
  - Require written PPC response protocols in each judicial district.
  - Fund a 24/7 DCF response system with on-call child welfare professionals.
  - Provide law enforcement with access to real-time child welfare history and placements.
2. Provide Statewide Training and Standardized Tools
  - Develop and require a PPC training curriculum for law enforcement.
  - Distribute a standard PPC field checklist to promote consistency and trauma-informed practice.
3. Improve Data Collection and Oversight
  - Require DCF to collect and report PPC data, including case reasons, outcomes, and usage trends.
  - Use this data to inform future reform and monitor regional consistency.

These proposals do not reduce the tools available to protect children—they enhance them. With statutory clarity, collaborative protocols, and meaningful oversight, Kansas can be a national leader in child safety response.

Thank you for your commitment to this important issue. We look forward to working together in pursuit of meaningful, balanced reforms that protect Kansas children and support those who serve them.

Sincerely,

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