Senate Judiciary Committee Senate Bill 155 Megan Milner, Deputy Secretary Kansas Department of Corrections February 13, 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral, informational testimony for Senate Bill 155 (SB155).

KDOC values the partnerships established with family members and support people of parolees. These important relationships are leveraged to provide the best support and effective supervision for the supervised population. If this bill is passed, an unintended consequence may be adversely impacting these relationships, removing valuable support for individuals on supervision, as well as a resource for parole officers.

Family members and support persons may be less likely to allow their home to serve as a residence option for individuals on probation or parole if they could be held legally accountable for that individual's actions. The potential loss of those residence options may increase homeless residence plans and create an additional strain on local community resources.

Finally, this may create a safety issue for the household members, if a supervised individual believes someone is required to report them to their probation or parole officer.

I am happy to stand for questions.