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## Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

Chairperson Brungardt and Members of the Committee,

I am here today on behalf of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to offer some comments regarding the purpose of this committee and ongoing relationship with the Juvenile Justice Authority.

### Overview

**PURPOSE STATEMENT** - The Community Advisory Committee was established by K.S.A. 75-7056 to serve as a link between local communities and the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) in the annual state budget planning process for JJA community-based programs and in an ad hoc advisory capacity when requested by the JJA Commissioner. The CAC submits an annual report by July 15<sup>th</sup> with recommendations for efficiencies in services, necessary enhancements and funding.

**BACKGROUND** - The Juvenile Justice Reform Act was modeled from the Community Corrections Act. However, in the original Act no mechanism was provided for local communities to effectively participate in the annual budget planning process for block grant funding to local communities for juveniles. KSA 75-5291(b) establishes a mechanism for community corrections to participate by requiring the secretary of corrections to establish an advisory committee to submit an annual report by July 15<sup>th</sup> with recommendations for services and funding.

In 2003 the Kansas Community Corrections Association advocated for and the Legislature enacted provisions modeled after the Community Corrections Act to the Juvenile Justice Reform Act, establishing the advisory committee to participate in the annual budget planning process and in an ad hoc advisory capacity as requested by the Commissioner of the JJA. The statute requires the Commissioner of the JJA to designate regions in the State and appoint two individuals from each region based on recommendation from the administrative contact in the regions to serve on the advisory group. The Commissioner also appoints two at-large members from the KCCA members.

I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.