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To Whom It May Concern,

The Kansas City Metropolitan Area has enjoyed a cooperative effort among law enforcement for many years. This has included major incidents, large planned events, task forces and major case squads. During this time, police officers have had to cross state lines in order to provide critical assistance to other police departments. This has been done without any clear legislation that protects the officers in performing their duties.

In the past several years, law enforcement has changed to focus on planning for mass causality events such as terrorism and active shooters. The most recent technology, protective equipment and training has been provided to officers throughout the metropolitan area. However, it times of immediate crisis or large planned events, the need for specialized training, equipment and manpower may come from agencies on either side of the state line.

This association endorsed similar legislation in Missouri earlier this year which was signed into law by the Missouri Governor. The current legislation on this matter in Kansas was discussed at a recent meeting of the Kansas City Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association. The members of the association unanimously voted to support this legislation. This legislation will ensure that law enforcement agencies in the metropolitan will have access to the needed resources to safely protect the community and the police officers.

Respectfully,

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President-Kansas City Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association