



To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Nicole Proulx Aiken, Legal Counsel

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Re: Written testimony in support of SB 128

Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and its member cities in support of SB 128. Currently, state law exempts online public agency records that identify the home address or home ownership of any federal and state judge or prosecutor from the Kansas open records act, if an individual in one of these positions requests it. This bill would expand that exemption to municipal judges, city attorneys, and assistant city attorneys.

The League supports this bill because it offers the same protections to municipal employees in sensitive positions that are already provided to their federal and state counterparts. Municipal judges and attorneys work with individuals with varying criminal histories and mental illnesses. It is not uncommon for them to receive threats because of their public positions and the decisions they make. This exemption would help to protect them and their families from such threats.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests this Committee pass SB 128.