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Written Testimony in Support of

SB 59 Magistrate Jurisdiction

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 59 as amended, which would modify magistrate judge jurisdiction. The Supreme Court supports a bill that provides jurisdictional authority for magistrate judges to preside over cases as they did prior to the 2014 amendments, with the additional jurisdictional authority that was included in the 2014 amendments.

The amended bill is the joint work product of the Kansas District Judges Association and the Kansas District Magistrate Judges Association. The Supreme Court supports the resolution of the jurisdictional issue. The Senate vote on the amended bill was 40 to 0.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 59, as amended.