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From: John M. Duma

Subject HB 2289- testimony in favor

Chairman Barker and members of the committee:

I am writing today in favor of HB2289. I have been practicing DUI law for more than 30 years. Prior to that I was a prosecuting attorney and prosecuted DUI cases. Very often, especially for first time DUI offenders, the greatest penalty they will face when arrested for DUI is the suspension of their drivers license as the result of an administrative hearing.

Under current law the issues are very limited that can be raised at these hearings to protect my clients rights. To proceed to that hearing without advance copies of arrest reports totally takes away the ability I might have to point out irregularities or mistakes made by the investigating officers.

This bill will do nothing more than allow a full due process opportunity to those persons charged with DUI in the State of Kansas. I urge the adoption of the bill as law enforcement will be able to easily comply with the same and it will allow Kansas citizens a fair hearing on the issues at the administrative level.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John M. Duma

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