



**Testimony on Substitute for SB 18
House Judiciary Committee
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Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. I'm Kent Cornish, President of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, a trade association representing the nearly 275 radio and television stations in Kansas.

We support the modifications made by the Judicial Council Criminal Law Advisory Committee to House Substitute for Substitute for SB 18. I very much appreciate Chairman Barker and Rep. Rubin's efforts. It's an improvement from the original bill which would have exempted body and dash camera video and audio from the Kansas Open Records Act – and thus close them from the public.

To exempt body camera audio and video from potential release, defeats the purpose for which the cameras were intended. And that's to provide a clear and unmoderated view of the actions of officers, suspects and the general public.

We all want the same thing – fairness and transparency. This bill is a step in the right direction, and I request your support of it.

Thank you for your time and I'd be pleased to answer questions.

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