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Chairman Barker and Committee Members:

My name is Kirk Thompson and I serve as the Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Per K.S.A. 74-5606, I also serve as a statutory member of the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KSCPOST). Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2555, which seeks to include deferred judgment agreements for certain misdemeanor and felony offenses in the definition of applicable convictions. This change is important as it relates to qualifications of applicants for law enforcement certification in Kansas.

The mission of KSCPOST is to ensure the citizens of Kansas are provided with qualified, trained, ethical, competent, and professional peace officers. It is dedicated to adopting and enforcing professional standards for certification of peace officers in order to preserve the public's trust and confidence in the law enforcement officers who have taken an oath to serve and protect our citizens.

The amendment including deferred judgment agreements as applicable convictions for certain crimes is important to ensuring our peace officers possess and maintain high ethical standards. These standards are vitally important to ensuring the continued professionalism of our peace officers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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