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WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HCR 5013

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and this honorable committee for extending the opportunity to present written testimony in opposition to HCR 5013. We are Michael Powers, Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District and President of the Kansas District Judges Association (KDJA), and KDJA Legislative Co-Chair, Chief Judge Dan Creitz of the Thirty-first Judicial District.

Judicial independence is the bedrock of our freedoms. In 1958 the people of this state democratically established a selection system designed to insure this concept which system still functions to this day. KDJA therefore opposes any effort to limit or interfere with the independence of the Kansas Judiciary specifically including, but not limited to consideration or passage of HCR 5013.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to HCR 5013.

Respectfully submitted,

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