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## Testimony of Dennis Phillips Re: HB 2709

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee I, thank you for this opportunity to appear before you today. I am here on behalf of the Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters to ask for your support of HB 2709. This bill would increase what the beneficiaries would receive when a Firefighter or Police Officers is killed in the line of duty. Under current law the beneficiaries would receive 50 percent plus up to additional 25 percent if there are children.

When a Firefighter or Police Officer is killed in the line of duty this puts a financial strain upon their families. They still have their house payment, car payment, medical bills plus the everyday expenses but with a reduce income.

Again I would ask for your support for HB 2709 and I would stand for questions.

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