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To: Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

From: Nicole Proulx Aiken, Legal Counsel

Re: SB 42

Thank you for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities to submit testimony on SB 42. This bill requires all lobbyists who receive public funds from governmental entities to file a report with the secretary of state's office listing the amount of funds they received.

The League and its member cities believe intergovernmental communication is vital to public policy at all levels of government. The bill in its current form creates a state-level depository for information that is already available via open records requests. As long as no amendments are made that make it more difficult for local governments to communicate at the state level, the League is neutral on SB 42.