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To: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

From: Eric Smith, Legal Counsel

Re: SB 66

Thank you for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities and its member cities to testify in support of SB 66. This bill addresses an unintended consequence of the personal and family protection act. Current law, as confirmed by Attorney General Opinion 2013-14, requires cities to provide adequate security measures at all public entrances of a municipal building to prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns, even if a city wants to only prohibit concealed carry in certain parts of a building. SB 66 changes this requirement and allows cities to prohibit the carrying of concealed hand guns in certain public areas of municipal buildings. This means a city may choose to allow the carrying of concealed handguns in most of a building, but still prohibit conceal carry on a certain floor or area of a building. This is particularly important for cities that wish to prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns in municipal court, but do not want to prohibit concealed carry throughout an entire municipal building. In the end, the League supports this bill because it provides cities with more flexibility under the personal and family protection act.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that this Committee pass out SB 66 favorable for passage.