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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of SB14
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Chairman King and Committee Members,

Our associations are very concerned about the future of the KCJIS lines given the looming funding crisis to pay for the lines. These lines are the only connection many local law enforcement agencies have with state and national criminal justice data bases. They are vital to public safety and to officer safety.

The importance of these lines was driven home recently when the state internet systems were being updated and only those agencies using these KCJIS direct lines had access to the criminal justice information systems, demonstrating the problems created when the internet systems are down.

Since the start of the Kansas Criminal Justice Information systems, these lines have been supplied to each county to support the submission of criminal justice data, sharing of criminal justice information, and support queries by line officers of state and federal criminal justice databases. This information sharing capability is essential to public safety and the safety of our officers.

We encourage the committee to recommend this bill favorably for passage.

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