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**Testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee
In Support of SB335
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Chairman Petersen and Committee Members,

Our associations are in full support of the proposed funding for the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center proposed in SB335. The Training Center is a vital part of building the integrity, knowledge, and skills of Kansas law enforcement officers. Their training contribution does not stop at the recruit level of training. They are instrumental in supplying ongoing training at the Hutchinson facility, across the state at classroom events, and on-line training. The training provided assures consistency across our state in law enforcement services. The people of Kansas deserve well trained officers providing their law enforcement services.

Unfortunately, the funding mechanism for the Training Center for years has relied on docket fees. Those fees have been steadily diminishing over the past several years due to a decrease in cases. The Training Center cannot go unaffected by these reductions in funding. Either additional funding is found or the Training Center will be forced to reduce training programs for Kansas law enforcement. This would be very detrimental to our communities.

The proposed funding source in this bill is passenger vehicle registration fees. This funding source makes sense due to the large amount of our work involving motor vehicles and traffic enforcement.

We encourage you to support this bill and recommend it favorably for passage.

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