



Kansas County & District Attorneys Association

1200 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66604
(785) 232-5822 Fax: (785) 234-2433
www.kcdaa.org

To: Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Kim T Parker, Prosecutor Coordinator, Kansas County & District Attorney's Association

Date: February 7, 2017

Re: Oral and Written Testimony in support of Senate Bill 92

Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 92. I am Kim Parker and I am addressing you on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association and the many Kansas prosecutors they represent. I have recently retired after serving the citizens of this state for over 32 years, as a prosecutor in Sedgwick County.

The Kansas County and District Attorney's Association urges you to pass SB 92. This bill vetted by the Judicial Council and recommended to you, in large part, mirrors the policy suggested by Kansas prosecutors and Kansas law enforcement as part of the KCDAA Best Practices Committee, which is available at www.kcdaa.org under the "Best Practices and Policies" tab, published April of 2016.

Kansas County and District Attorney's across this state have long encouraged the audio and or video recording as established by SB 92. The video or audio recording of a defendant's statement to law enforcement is an important tool for prosecutors. It serves to protect the rights of a defendant and it protects the integrity of the criminal justice system. Most law enforcement agencies in Kansas have been audio and video recording for many years. This bill recognizes the difficulties occasionally presented to law enforcement in their efforts to record the statements made by individuals in their custody for suspected criminal activity and is an appropriate and reasonable approach to recording certain interrogations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim T Parker, Prosecutor Coordinator
Cell Phone 316-650-7267
Kansas County and District Attorney's Association