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To: Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

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Re: Proponent Testimony for Senate Bill 112

Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony as a proponent of SB 112. 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. We urge you adopt SB 112 as it seeks to amend K.S.A. 21-5709 and provide proportionality to the crime of possession of drug paraphernalia as to the crime of actual possession of the substance.

The bill focuses on section (b)(2) which addresses storage containers, pipes, bongs, needles or any paraphernalia to introduce the substance into the body, which is now a Class A misdemeanor. The possession of the drug substance marijuana is also Class A misdemeanor. SB112 simply lowers the level of punishment to a Class B misdemeanor for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Respectfully Submitted,

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