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To: Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

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Re: Proponent Testimony for SB 114

Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 114. 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. SB 114 seeks to allow an attested and certified admission into evidence during a Child in Need of Care civil proceeding. This bill amends K.S.A.38-2249 of the Kansas code for the care of children and the rules of evidence that apply to those proceedings, section (b)(2). This change is an important resource saver as it allows court ordered drug testing results to be delivered to the court in a written certified and attested report and eliminates the need for drug testers to leave their work and make an in-court appearance to testify in person to the results of the testing.

This change does not prevent any party to the case to actually require the in-person testimony if the party wishes to challenge the result. Instead, it does away with requiring the appearance of the drug tester in court proceedings where there is no challenge to the test results.

We urge you to adopt SB 114 as an important cost saving measure.

Respectfully Submitted,

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