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To: Chairman Patton and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

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Re: Proponent Testimony House Bill 2281

Good Afternoon Chairman Patton and Honorable Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to support the passage of HB2281. This bill is introduced by one of our members Reno County Assistant District Attorney Thomas Stanton. Mr. Stanton has prepared HB2281 to address a recent decision Kansas Court of Appeals State v. Jones \_\_ Kan App.2d\_,433 P.3d 193 11/20/2018. In this case the district court reduced the defendant's prison term, but made no ruling as to any other aspect of the original sentence. The Kansas Court of Appeals found that because the court did not mention the defendant's post release supervision term the court had by its silence modified the post release term to **no post release supervision term**.

HB2281 amends K.S.A.22-3716 to require any modification made to a defendant's sentence to be on the record. The court still maintains the discretion to modify the sentences but any change to the sentence will be clearly stated on the court record.

We urge the passage of HB2292

Respectfully Submitted

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