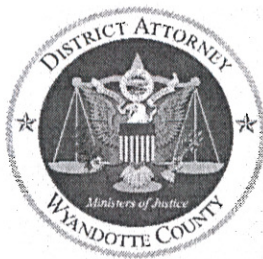


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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 102

As the District Attorney of Wyandotte County, Kansas, I am in full support of SB 102. I strongly commend this effort to equip our Law Enforcement Professionals with greater resources and guidance in the important and developing area of DNA-based investigations.

CODIS has proven to be a tremendous tool in the criminal justice system, and the mission of the proposed Task Force will do much to help ensure that the right people are brought to justice. Moreover, it assists in making sure that all of our convictions, both now and in the future, hold integrity, as the only person that benefits from a wrongful conviction is the actual person who committed the crime.

This proposed legislation will help law enforcement and the communities they serve by fostering greater consistency, transparency, and effectiveness in the administration of justice. SB 102 will streamline certain post-conviction processes, and is the next practical step in making Kansas a frontrunner in ensuring our convictions hold integrity. I encourage all to support its enactment.

Be Blessed,

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