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## **Testimony to the House Committee on Corrections & Juvenile Justice in Opposition to HB 2133**

**January 24, 2022**

Chairman Owens, Vice Chair Smith, Ranking Member Highberger, and Members of the Committee:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office asks you to oppose HB 2133. This bill would eliminate what is commonly known as "no-knock" warrants. They are not common practice. However, these types of warrants are necessary in special situations to protect officers and those in a residence or building that is being searched. These no-knock warrants are needed in imminent danger cases.

These cases include activities such as seizing illegal explosives, or where the use of weapons by the suspect is known, or in cases where the evidence could be readily destroyed prior to the officers' entry.

Warrants of this type take a lot of preparation and training. They are often served by special teams who wear protective equipment, rather than a "standard" law enforcement uniform. However, even these special uniforms are clearly marked that the person wearing them is a law enforcement officer.

Make no mistake, the service of any warrant, "no-knock" or not, involves risk and there is inherent danger in every service of a search warrant. Completely banning the use of "no-knock" warrants would put the lives of officers and suspects at greater risk in these types of situations.

We ask that you do not advance this bill for further consideration.

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