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The Honorable Steven Owens  
Chairman Corrections & Juvenile Justice Committee  
Kansas House of Representatives

RE: House Bill 2133, "Executing a search warrant"

Dear Chairman Owens:

It is with respect that I speak as an opponent of HB 2133, a bill designed to greatly impact the safety of law enforcement officers completing one of the most dangerous of duties. In requiring all search warrants be executed without any provision for special "no knock" provisions and all officers be in uniform, Kansas would place officers in a deadly predicament.

Serving search warrants is a deadly business.

I have served many search warrants during my career in Wyandotte County as an undercover drug officer, SWAT officer, and investigator. Each execution requires proper evaluation of approach, knowledge of target site, potential dangers, and general tactical methods. There are simply some situations where the restrictions in this bill would place the officers at a disadvantage and great personal risk. As point man on the execution of many dangerous locations/individuals during search warrants I will state that you are at a high risk of injury or death without opportunities to make rapid deployment without notice.

I welcome an opportunity to answer questions from the committee and appear at the hearing on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully

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