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To: Chairman Patton and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Brandon Jones, President

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Re: Proponent Testimony for Senate Bill 264

Good Afternoon Chairman Billinger and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for SB 264. These remarks are on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association and the many Kansas prosecutors we represent.

We applaud the action the Attorney General is taking in establishing the Kansas fights addiction Act to ensure the prudent use of any litigation settlement monies received by Kansas. To that end this Act not only creates a segregated fund for the opioid settlement funds to be utilized for grants for the treatment and prevention of opioid addiction and misuse, but also provides for the Kansas fights addiction grant review board to administer the grants.

The grant review board proposed in this Act brings a broad representation of knowledgeable professionals to the table to provide the necessary input and oversight in the disbursement of the settlement money. The KCDA is pleased to have been included as one of the organizations with an appointment to the grant review board.

Thank you Chairman and committee members for considering our remarks.