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Dear Chair Warren, Vice Chair Wilborn, Ranking Minority Member Corson, and Committee members:

I am writing on behalf of the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners in support of HB 2601, which would reinstate mandated participation in a multidisciplinary model of services for substance use disorders for those convicted of a third or subsequent DUI.

Simply put, the multidisciplinary model of services helps equip those with substance use disorders with the necessary coping mechanisms to avoid future substance abuse and dependence. As such, HB 2601 is a common sense solution to not only make our communities safer, but also lessen the burden on our courts and community corrections programs due to decreased recidivism.

We appreciate your consideration of our testimony in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Baty".

Ryan Baty, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners