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**Testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee
In Support of HB2346
March 14, 2023**

Chairman Petersen and Committee Members:

Our associations support HB2346. Passage of this bill will do two things: 1) Allow Kansans to express support of their law enforcement agencies and officers; and 2) provide financial support to the Kansas Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (Kansas-COPS).

Law enforcement continues to be challenged with filling vacancies. Public support is essential to reversing that challenge. The ability to display a “Support the Blue” license plate will be a visible sign of that support.

The funds will go to the Kansas-COPS organization. They are a non-profit organization with a mission to support the families of fallen Kansas officers. The Kansas Chapter sponsors and financially supports local support of fallen officer’s families and participation of fallen Kansas officer’s family members in the National Police Week events each year in Washington, D.C. Those events include programs for children, spouses, and other family members of fallen officers.

Passage of this bill will be a significant statement of support and provide needed funding for support of fallen officer’s families.

We encourage you to pass this bill favorably.

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