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**Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee  
In Support of HB 2779  
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Chair Colloton and Committee Members,

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association supports HB2779. As you heard in the briefing on human trafficking earlier this year in the joint meeting with the senate committee, this is a growing problem in Kansas. These violations put our children at great risk of exploitation of the worst kind.

This bill has been a long time coming. Our review of it indicates it has been very thoroughly put together and covers many of the aspects of human trafficking including not only the criminal provisions but also how we deal with the victims of these crimes. This may well be the most important crime bills of this session.

This bill also is consistent with the 2012 legislative agenda for our associations, Protection of our Children. We encourage you to recommend this bill favorably for passage.

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