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To: Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Justice Committee

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Re: Proponent Testimony for House Bill 2260

Good Morning Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Committee;

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to propose the adoption of HB2260 on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association. This amendment to K.S.A.22-3716 allows the court to revoke probation without additional graduated sanctions if the court originally departed downward from prison sanction to probation. This measure is important to allow the courts not only to give appropriate sanctions in the event a defendant violates the terms of the court ordered probation but it also eliminates the duplication and cost of services by court service officers and community corrections. The defendant will have already benefitted from a downward dispositional departure and failed to follow the terms and provisions of probation.

It should be clear that this amendment does not prevent the court from allowing a defendant another bite at the apple and opportunity at a graduated sanction.

Respectfully submitted

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