

Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the House Committee on Judiciary Proponent Testimony on SB 427 • March 12, 2020

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding SB 427. The Kansas Association of Counties and its member counties support continuing the exceptions referenced in this bill.

KAC and its member counties are strongly in favor of open and transparent government. In some instances, however, personal privacy must take precedence over transparency. Exceptions such as the identity of victims in crimes, or the home address of certain officials is very much personal, and should be protected from disclosure.

Likewise, certain business information, such as the insurer's risk, or informal agreements with banks, should also be protected from disclosure. KAC supports continuing the exceptions in this bill, and encourages the committee to recommend SB 427 favorable for passage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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