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To: House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

From: Steve Kearney, Executive Director

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Re: Opposition testimony for House Bill 2133

Date: January 24, 2022

Chairman Owens and members of the Committee, thank you for taking the time to consider the remarks of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association (KCDA) regarding House Bill 2133. The KCDA is in strong opposition to the provisions of House Bill 2133 and supports the other law enforcement opponents in their remarks.

We agree and emphasize that this measure is both unnecessary and does not contemplate the day-to-day realities of serving warrants. Law enforcement officers face a myriad of scenarios when executing search warrants with many variations that are impossible to encapsulate into a statutory framework.

Officers from hundreds of law enforcement agencies execute warrants routinely and without incident. These are men and women that are tasked with public safety and receive significant training in communication, de-escalation, and investigative techniques to help them safely and respectfully interact with the public. While many warrants are served by law enforcement officers in their duty uniforms, plain clothes officers, also routinely serve warrants.

The consequences that passage of a measure like House Bill 2133 would create run the gamut from officer safety to evidence destruction and everything in between.

We strongly oppose House Bill 2133.