



KANSAS STATE BOARD OF INDIGENTS' DEFENSE SERVICES

**Senate Judiciary Committee
March 16, 2023**

**House Bill 2114
Testimony of the BIDS Legislative Committee
Presented by Jennifer Roth
Proponent**

Dear Chairwoman Warren and Members of the Committee:

We want to express our support for naming the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight after Rep. Russ Jennings.

In addition to appearing in front of Rep. Jennings for years in House Corrections, I served on a Judicial Council subcommittee with him for over two years. In both contexts, I always appreciated his reasonable ideas and calm demeanor. His expertise, tenacity, straightforwardness, and ability to bring people together made the law better for the people of Kansas.

Rep. Jennings spent his life working to improve the lives of all Kansans. Naming this Committee after him is a fitting tribute. But Rep. Jennings would not want us to just monitor the implementation of juvenile justice reform—he would want us to further the reforms. He would want us to work to make changes to the registration act. He would want us to move forward on other criminal justice reforms. I urge all of us to honor him by continuing his work and bringing about the improvements he advocated for.

Thank you,

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