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**Testimony to the Senate Ways and Means Committee
In Support of HB2491
March 19, 2024**

Chairman Billinger and Committee Members:

Our associations are in full support of HB2491 as a necessary step to convert the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) from a fully fee funded agency to a general fund agency.

The training programs offered by KLETC are critical to assure the citizens of Kansas receive high quality law enforcement services. We are aware the current fee funds generated for the operation of KLETC have reduced since they were last visited by the legislature in 2016. Relying only on fee funds for KLETC has become impractical and inadequate. Passage of this bill, in conjunction with adding KLETC funding to the general fund budget is necessary to avoid a reduction in training services to Kansas law enforcement officers.

We encourage you to recommend HB2491 favorably for passage.

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