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Representative Colloton, Chair  
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

Re: House Bill 2232, Illegalization of Prescription Pills

Dear Chairwoman Colloton and Members of the Committee,

My Name is John Bryant and I am the Deputy County Attorney in Leavenworth County. I am here to testify today in support of House Bill 2232 and the amendment proposed by Todd Thompson, Leavenworth County Attorney.

These are my reasons I find House Bill 2232 important:

- 1) There has been an increase in cases where non-controlled prescription pills have been recovered.
- 2) Prescription pills have been overtaking narcotic based cases. As a result, some pills were then included in the drug statutes such as hydrocodone, oxycodone, etc.
- 3) Now individuals are including non-controlled prescription drugs in their substance abuse.
- 4) This should not increase case numbers or inmate population around the State because most individuals in possession of prescription drugs that are not theirs often have other drugs or paraphernalia on them
- 5) Two of several cases that stand out in Leavenworth County:
  - a. When an individual was found with 42 pills not prescribed to him
  - b. When an individual had taken his grandmother's pill and was slicing it up with a razor and snorting it.
- 6) Most people think it is illegal already.
- 7) Most of these pills will affect the user if taken in a large enough quantity or taken in conjunction with other drugs or alcohol.

Sincerely,

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