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Tim Owens
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: HB2042

Dear Senator Owens,

HB2042 will have a significant impact on local law enforcement both fiscally and as a matter of principal.

Data collection is a crucial part of the investigation and prevention of crime. It is, however, imperative that Law Enforcement focus on the collection of data that will assist in the investigation of crime or the allocation of resources to deter crime. Law Enforcement already collects pornographic material when it has evidentiary value, specifically child pornography or materials which may relate directly to the crime that is being investigated. Collecting this material as 'data' leads to assumptions that can not be used to investigate or deter future crimes. What is the benefit to Law Enforcement of this requirement? How does this requirement help ensure the successful prosecution of the suspect?

The second issue facing law enforcement with this bill is cost. Many agencies in Kansas such as my own have worked very hard and struggled to be as technologically proficient as possible. This comes at a high price. Creating a change in the Kansas Standard Offence Report means creating a change in our Records Management System and our Field Reporting modules in order to comply with State standards to electronically submit reports to the KBI. Agencies from across the State utilize different vendors for their records management and have estimated costs from \$0.00 to \$20,000.00. My agency alone can expect to spend approximately \$2500.00 to make the necessary changes. This is money that is not budgeted, and based on future projections; we do not see an increase in our budgets for some time.

I offer this information and respectfully ask that you not require Law Enforcement to collect data that can not be used to solve and prosecute crime.

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