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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee  
In Support of HB2044  
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Chairman King and Committee Members,

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Association supports HB2044 addressing the continuing heinous physical injury and death resulting from illegal drugs. This bill proposes to hold those persons who distribute the drugs accountable for their role precipitating these deaths or great bodily injury. It will be yet another tool to discourage drug dealers from operating in Kansas.

The proliferation of illegal synthetic drugs has led to several cases where law enforcement has been able to identify the sources of illegal drugs which has led to death and great bodily injury in Kansas. In one case in Salina several years ago a person's use of "bath salts" resulted in his death. In that case the person using the drugs became completely psychotic resulting the driver of the vehicle he was in to stop on I-135. After stopping the man jumped out of the car and walked out in front of a vehicle resulting in his death.

We believe this bill will produce the right result for those distributing illegal drugs who currently are not held accountable for the end result of the use of those drugs when the drug use results in these needless deaths or great bodily harm.

We encourage you to recommend this bill favorably for passage.

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