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To: Chairman Jennings and Members of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

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Re: Proponent of House Bill 2271 Written Only Testimony

Chairman Jennings and Members of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee:

Good Afternoon Chairman Jennings and to your Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2271. I am Kim Parker and I am addressing you on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association and the many Kansas prosecutors they represent. HB 2271 seeks to give clarity to K.S.A. 21-6622 as it directs the court to the appropriate sentence for an individual with intellectual disability who is convicted of capital murder.

The law currently is vague and provides no clear direction to the court in determining the appropriate sentence. This amendment directs the court to the sentencing scheme set otherwise in the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter that effects the safety of the citizens of this great state. On behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorney's Association I urge you to adopt HB 2271 and its proposed amendment to K.S.A. 21-6622.

Respectfully submitted

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