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The Honorable J. Russell Jennings
Chairman, Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairman Jennings,

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) – the nation's largest professional, non-profit association representing 26,000 federal law enforcement officers from 65 agencies – I am writing you regarding the proposed legislation, HB2648, Including federal law enforcement officers in assault and battery against a law enforcement officer.

This proposed legislation will help ensure all law enforcement including federal law enforcement officers are provided the same amount of protection against assaults while performing their official duties. Often times our law enforcement officers are put into harm's way while serving the public. This legislation will allow the same punishment for assaulting a federal law enforcement officers as it would for a state or municipal officer. Our federal law enforcement partners works side by side with other departments throughout each state ensuring the safety of the public. It is our hope this legislation will help deter these assaults from happening keeping all law enforcement safer.

FLEOA appreciates your time and effort regarding this legislation. We look forward to standing with this important bipartisan legislation. Should you have any questions or need any additional information feel free to contact me directly at

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Respectfully,

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FLEOA Vice President for Legislative Affairs