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Chairman DeGraff and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kirk Thompson and I have the privilege of serving as the Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of House Bill 2331. Our opposition to this bill is reflective of our concern that its passage would have a significant fiscal impact on the KBI and negatively impact funding for the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS).

Lines 24 through 29 on page 10 of the bill establish the cybersecurity state fund and amend K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-145(d)(4) in such a way that all Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) modernization surcharge fees currently collected and remitted to the secretary of revenue shall be credited to the cybersecurity state fund.

Currently, all DMV modernization surcharge fees collected are remitted to the state treasurer and credited to the state highway fund. The 2016 Kansas Legislature approved proviso language that credited \$1 of every DMV modernization surcharge, up to \$1,000,000 per year, to the KCJIS line fund. Five positions which directly support the KCJIS system are funded by these dollars. Remaining dollars are utilized for necessary equipment and infrastructure replacement costs for the system.

When submitting our FY 2018/2019 budget, the KBI requested the \$1,000,000 be included in the agency's base budget. The Division of the Budget recommended this funding be continued for both FY 2018 and FY 2019. It was also included in the Governor's Recommendations for the KBI.

As currently drafted, starting in FY 2018, HB 2331 would terminate transfers from the DMV modernization surcharge fees remitted to the state treasurer and subsequently credited to the KCJIS line fund. Loss of this funding would directly impact public safety information sharing in Kansas, and the ability of state, local, tribal and federal criminal justice partners to effectively access critical information in the everyday performance of their duties.

As the Committee contemplates the public policy decisions proposed in HB 2331, we request due consideration be given to the negative fiscal implications associated with passage of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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