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The Honorable Jacob LaTurner, Chairman
Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee
Capitol Building, Room 144-S
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: SB 108 – Written Testimony in Support

Dear Chairman LaTurner and Members of the Committee:

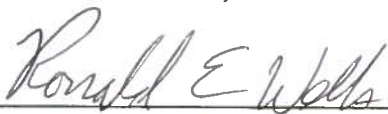
The Board of Riley County Commissioners unanimously supports SB 108, including the balloon amendment offered by the League of Kansas Municipalities.

The purpose of SB 108 and the League's balloon amendment is to conform K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c10(e) to the lawsuit damages immunity which already exists within K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c20(e) and (f). Those last two subparagraphs of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c20(e) grant every municipality lawsuit immunity if a municipal employee carrying a concealed handgun is sued for conduct occurring *inside* a public building. SB 108 grants that same lawsuit immunity to every municipality if one of their employees carrying a concealed handgun is sued for conduct *outside* a public building. The balloon amendment offered by the League is acceptable because it does not extend municipal immunity to lawsuits based upon conduct by a municipal employee who is carrying a concealed handgun as part of their regular job duties.

Please accept this written testimony on behalf of a unanimous Board of Riley County Commissioners in support of SB 108 and the League's balloon amendment.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS



Ronald E. Wells, Chairman

cc: Marvin Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Ben Wilson, Member