TESTIMONY OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON SB 6

MARCH 21, 2017

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

KAC opposes SB 6. We believe local law enforcement agencies and local counsel are better at deciding what policies are appropriate for handling armed persons.

The law relating to encounters between law enforcement and armed citizens is subject to change whenever a new case comes down from the courts relating to such encounters. Therefore, we believe policy requirements should not be recorded in state law, but should be handled at the local level where law enforcement agencies and local government lawyers can adapt as necessary in accordance with new cases. Leaving the policy decisions at the local level also allows local governments to incorporate their latest training on this topic into their policies.

Thank you for your time and consideration of SB 6.

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