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To: Senate Judiciary Committee
From: Kansas County and District Attorneys Association
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RE: House Bill 2234

Chairman Wilborn and members of the Senate Judiciary committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association regarding HB 2234. The KCDAA is supportive of House Bill 2234 which establishes a timeframe for offenders to be tested for infectious disease.

This new required timeframe provides a vehicle for victims to be notified if their assailants could have passed along an infectious disease. There have been examples of sexual assault victims discovering a disease at a later time, having no idea that the offender in their case had such an infectious disease at the time of their assault, adding to their victimization/re-victimization.

We believe this will provide an earlier opportunity for victims to be tested and begin treatment earlier should they have contracted an infectious disease from their assailant.

We encourage you to pass House Bill 2234 out of your committee favorably. Thank you for this opportunity to provide our comments.

Respectfully,

Steve Kearney

On behalf of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association