

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

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RE: Support of HB 2049
Written Testimony Only

I want to thank Chairman Wilborn and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2049.

HB 2049 amends K.S.A. 21-6804 and adds a provision shifting the application of the sentencing guidelines for nondrug felony offenses, or any attempt or conspiracy to commit a nondrug felony offense, against a law enforcement officer.

As the number of law enforcement officers killed in targeted attacks has increased across the country, we feel increased penalties for felony nondrug offenses against law enforcement will provide a necessary deterrent. The League supports legislation helping to increase the safety of our law enforcement officers.

For these reasons, the League of Kansas Municipalities feels HB 2049 will provide additional needed protection for municipal law enforcement officers. We respectfully request the Committee pass HB 2049 to the full Senate.