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BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE / FEBRUARY 19, 2019

**RE: SB 102. Establishing The Kansas Cold Case Task Force; ...Hits to the Combined DNA Index System  
SUPPORT**

Chair Wilborn; Vice Chair Rucker; Ranking Member Miller & Fellow Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for having a hearing on this common-sense measure proposed today. I hope we agree on this language and will work the bill to pass it favorably to our Committee of the Whole before turnaround. SB 102 would require notice on both open AND closed cases through the combined DNA index system (CODIS). Currently, DNA tests aren't run on closed cases where someone has been adjudicated; convicted.

Further, the bill will create a task force to develop protocols for implementation including allowing authorities to share data from solved and unsolved cases with a variety of stakeholders. (Although the bill calls for the task force to submit its report by December 2020, I would hope we might consider December 2019 instead.)

Kansas has this opportunity to be the first in the Nation to apply the skilled and often unerring technology of DNA to insure accuracy in on-going as well as previously "resolved" criminal cases. I urge our united support of SB 102.  
Thank you again.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Ranking Member / Senate Judiciary (2004-2018)