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**Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
Opposing HB2147
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Our associations oppose HB2147 based on the following concerns.

The bill proposes allowing release from prison for any criminal convicted of a severity level 2 through 5 drug crime, as either the sole conviction or the primary conviction after serving 50 % of their sentence.

Severity level 2 and 3 crimes can be distribution of significant amounts of drugs, those in the second and third of four tiers of quantities used to determine severity levels.

Drug severity level 2 also includes:

- Manufacturing a controlled substance [KSA 21-5703]
- Conducting financial transactions involving proceeds of drug crimes of \$250,000-\$500,000. [KSA 21-5716]
- Distributing drugs on school grounds [KSA 21-5705(d)(3)(A) and (d)(5)]

Drug severity level 3 also includes:

- Conducting financial transactions involving proceeds of drug crimes of \$100,000-\$250,000. [KSA 21-5716]
- Distributing drugs on school grounds [KSA 21-5705(d)(3)(A), (d)(2)(A), or (d)(1)(A) and (d)(5)]

Drug severity level 4 also includes:

- Conducting financial transactions involving proceeds of drug crimes of \$5,000-\$100,000. [KSA 21-5716]
- Distributing drug paraphernalia to a minor [KSA 21-5710(b)]
- Distributing drug paraphernalia on school property [KSA 21-5710(b)]

Drug severity level 5 also includes:

- Conducting financial transactions involving proceeds of drug crimes of up to \$5,000. [KSA 21-5716]
- Distributing drug paraphernalia to a minor [KSA 21-5710(c)]
- Distributing drug paraphernalia on school property [KSA 21-5710(c)]

We also question why an offender released from prison would be assigned to community corrections instead of to parole and what impact that will have on case loads to community corrections.

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