

To: Senate Transparency and Ethics Committee

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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2390

I want to thank Chairwomen Bowers and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2390. HB 2390 is the annual legislative review of exceptions to disclosure of public records.

The League supports this legislation specifically for the continuation of the following exemptions from the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA):

- (1) KSA 22-2302(c)(4)(J) and (c)(6)(B), KSA 22-2502(e)(4)(J) and (e)(6)(B) regarding the affidavits or sworn testimony in support of the probable cause requirements for warrants or summons; and
- (2) KSA 45-254(a) which defines audio or video recordings made and retained by law enforcement using a body camera or a vehicle camera as criminal investigation records as defined in K.S.A. 45-217.

HB 2390 continues necessary exemptions from the KORA. We respectfully ask this Committee forward HB 2390 to the full Senate for its consideration.