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Written Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Regarding SB 420

Dear Chair Owens and Members of the Committee:

I've recently had the opportunity to prosecute a K.S.A. 21-6101 case and working through it allowed me to see some of its outdated aspects. My case involved a camera designed to capture video/photos of a woman in a bathroom. The changes put forth (removing "concealed" and "secretly") are simple and seek to accommodate technology changes.

Today there are cameras that are so small, they do not need concealment. There are also cameras that are naturally built into everyday objects that someone can claim are not concealed and that their recordings are not secret. Examples include drones, phones, tablets, computers, cars, and different kinds of babysitting cameras or home security devices.

In a world of drone surveillance and short-term rentals, voyeurism will take on new tones and our statute addressing it should adapt.

Respectfully,

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