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RE: Written Testimony Supporting SB 505

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Dear Chairman Longbine and members of the committee:

My name is Wyatt Smith and I fully support SB 505.

I work as a Corrections Officer at Larned State Correctional Facility. It would be helpful for me to have this increased multiplier to my retirement because then that way I can retire with a better financial outlook along with my fellow co-workers, and better provide for my family when the time comes for me to retire.

I have over 6 years of experience in the Department of Corrections. In other words, I plan on working up until the point I have met my goal to retire from the state with full pension and benefits. Not only will it help me but also be an incentive to keep everybody around me who has been doing corrections for a while. They too want to hit max retirement and receive the best possible amount of pension. With the cost of living going up and everything around us going up in price it will be hard to keep up.

Every bit helps when it's time for people to retire so when it is all said and done that they won't feel like they will be struggling to stay afloat. Everyone deserves to have a secure, comfortable, fulfilling retirement.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony in support of SB 505.

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