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To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Kathleen A. Taylor, Kansas Bankers Association

Re: SB 81: Restricting Personal Information for Public Officials

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony in support of **SB 81**, which allows certain public officials to restrict access to their personal information on public websites. The KBA was pleased to be included in a group of interested parties, who were concerned about the unintended consequences of HB 2427 that passed during the 2012 Kansas legislature.

The Legislature sought to improve privacy for public officials by eliminating home-address disclosure through basic internet searches, however, HB 2427 did not specify this restriction and some public agencies redacted permanent records to execute the letter of the law. Further, some title companies and abstractors struggled to secure the records needed to perform their respective jobs.

The KBA certainly appreciates the sensitive nature of the information involved, as well as the need to assure the safety of our public officials. We believe that this bill does the best job of balancing this need with the need to keep accurate public records, and for those with legitimate business purposes to have access to those permanent records.

We would respectfully request that the Committee act favorably on **SB 81**. Thank you for your time.