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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2116 AND
SENATE BILL 74 (JOEY'S LAW)**

I am the attorney for the estate of Joey Weber, and also represent John and Nancy Weber, Joey's parents. Joey was killed on August 18, 2016, in the city of Hays, KS, by a Hays police officer. The altercation began as a result of a routine traffic stop. Joey refused to stop, although did not flee at high speed. Due to Joey's autism condition, the noise of the sirens and the trauma of the police car following him cause him to seek shelter at the place he knew in Hays as New Age Services. He was killed in a physical altercation with a police officer after getting out of his car and trying to reach the safety of New Age Services. Passage of this bill would be extremely important to the autism community, and any other person who suffers from an illness which might cause police officers to believe the conduct is suspicious. I believe this would also be beneficial to law enforcement, as it would allow the officer involved to know that he or she was dealing with a person of special needs.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of this bill.


Kenneth W. Wasserman