

To: Senate Judiciary Committee, Chair Rick Wilborn

Re: Testimony in support of SB360 Amending open records laws relating to copies of public records and disclosure of law enforcement recordings using a body camera or vehicle camera.

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

Thank you for your attention to the matter of Open Records in Kansas. Citizens and members of the press need openness and transparency in our government, and in the network of services provided by our tax dollars. We have the right to know about the actions of our Police & Sheriff's Departments in all cities and counties.

We need to get back to asking Why? As in, who, what, when, where, why? Public access to information will give insight as to *why* an officer may have used lethal force. We the people have the right to know if any of our officers are repeatedly using lethal force. With public access we can demand our Police Chiefs and Law Enforcement Executives reprimand and dismiss violent persons, promote and honor authentic peace-keepers, and perhaps even protect whistleblowers - a long-lost value in our society. Access to in-the-field video can provide data for citizens to determine what training their community's officers need to prevent the use of lethal force. We can develop a better understanding of the Police profession, and determine what professional training we want for our communities.

I would urge you to send SB360 to the Senate for consideration of the Whole. Thank you for your time and efforts to bring light to Kansas.

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