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Testimony in Support of HB2634

The Kansas Bail Agents Association supports the concept set out in this bill, that bail bonds be conditioned upon a requirement to complete a pre-signed waiver of extradition.

As this relates solely to defendants who have *already been* charged, arrested and granted pretrial release in Kansas, there seems to be little reason for them to be allowed to flee the State of Kansas and then abuse the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act to delay or interfere with the progression of their already initiated prosecution here.

Two of the most common defenses to challenge extradition are claims of mistaken identity or claims that no charges were ever filed against the defendant. Both of these defenses are largely moot when the outstanding warrant is based upon a failure to appear in an outstanding case where the defendant has already been previously arrested in Kansas. Keeping in mind that "identity" in terms of an extradition case is not meant to determine if the defendant is the party who actually committed the alleged (i.e. guilt or innocence), but rather whether the defendant is the correct person who is *accused* in the underlying offense.

As such, the KBAA would support passage of House Bill 2634.

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