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Proponent Testimony to the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice for HB2657

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Chairman Owens, Vice Chair Smith, Ranking Member Highberger, and Members of the Committee:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports **HB2657**.

This bill is a reasonable step to reduce gun violence by incarcerating those who have demonstrated that they place little value on the safety of law-abiding citizens and little regard for human life.

HB2657 proposes a sentencing policy that would make the sentence for violation of criminal possession of a weapon by a convicted felon presumptive imprisonment. It allows states that any sentence imposed for this crime shall run consecutive to any other term or terms of imprisonment imposed.

Any convicted felon who uses a firearm to commit a violent felony as defined in statute and is found to have done so beyond a reasonable doubt would be subject to the sentencing guidelines in this bill.

We appreciate the Kansas Attorney General's Office for proposing this bill and stand in firm support.

We ask the committee to recommend the bill favorable for passage.

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