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To: Hon. Kellie Warren, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Steve Kearney, Executive Director

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Re: Testimony in Support of SB 457

Senator Warren and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

We write today in support of SB 457, which would authorize, via statute, a court to order a person charged with a felony to execute a waiver of extradition to Kansas as a condition of bond or release. Requiring such a waiver would save time and resources, particularly in those jurisdictions which border other states. Some of those jurisdictions spend time extraditing persons who in fact live just a few miles away. A waiver of extradition would facilitate the rapid return of these persons who could then begin or resume the process of resolving their cases. Extradition is a time-consuming process and delays cases unnecessarily. Passage of this bill would help cases move forward.

Thank you for considering our remarks.