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To: Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
From: Secretary Norwood, Kansas Department of Corrections
Date: February 8, 2017
Re: HB 2264 Testimony

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written response to House Bill 2264.

The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) is neutral on HB 2264, which we understand to address specific firearms-related cases that are of particular concern to some juvenile justice stakeholders. We also want to state our observation that the language in HB 2264 does not clearly define "used," or limit this proposed dispositional option to any specific offense(s).

Absent such definitions, and any data from proponents for HB 2264 as to the frequency of these cases, we foresee that HB 2264 would reduce the available reinvestment dollars under SB 367 through an increased use of secure confinement in the Juvenile Correctional Facility (JCF) and youth residential facilities. However, until the word "used" is defined, the amount of the reduction to reinvestment dollars cannot be determined.