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74TH DISTRICT

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To our finest:

Kansas State Troopers
Kansas Capitol Police
Kansas Sheriffs & Deputies
Kansas Police Officers

Each of you has accepted the call to serve in one of the most honorable professions in our state. As a Kansas Law Enforcement officer, you have chosen to put others above yourself. You have chosen to put your community above your own safety. You have chosen to enter when others are exiting. You have chosen to stand when others run. You have chosen to be the gate keeper of law and order!

Over the past few months and years, there has grown an unhealthy disregard for our law enforcement professionals in various areas of the country. We have witnessed shocking displays of disrespect by citizens, city leaders and even elected officials on state and national levels. While there are certainly "bad actors" in every profession, we must focus on their removal while protecting the integrity of the institution of law and order. We must remain united as Kansans in making our state a safe and prosperous place for future generations.

We, the undersigned members of the Kansas Legislature, want you to know that we support you. We appreciate you. We recognize the sacrifice you make for each of us. We pledge to support you as you have pledged to protect us and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the great State of Kansas.

Signed:

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