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Senator Robby Mills
Capitol Annex Room 284
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Senator Mills:

I am writing on behalf of the Kentucky League of Cities to express the organization's strong support for Senate Bill 162. The leaders of our city law enforcement agencies view this legislation as providing an important opportunity for their departments to greatly enhance the investigative tools available to them. Our elected city officials also agree on the importance of making these tools more accessible to their police departments.

By permitting local law enforcement agencies to retain copies of vehicle accident reports and to directly contract with outside entities for the purpose of providing information about vehicle accident history, local departments will be able to elect to enter contracts with vendors that can provide law enforcement access to new information critical in solving crime and protecting public safety. Otherwise, these tools would remain out of reach for local jurisdictions during a time where police need all the tools they can get to help them protect our Commonwealth's law-abiding citizens. Additionally, the language of your bill maintains the open records exemption that is currently applicable to these records, providing privacy protection for individuals and helping preserve local government resources.

On behalf of KLC's Board of Directors and the numerous city law enforcement agencies within our cities, we are pleased to offer any assistance in helping secure passage of this legislation as it moves through the process.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or need additional information regarding our position on this important bill.

Respectfully,

James D. Chaney
Executive Director/CEO