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Dear Kansas Legislature,

I am writing you for your support of bill 911; The First Responders Act. In rural settings, First Responders are our lifeline that supports small communities and remote areas in Lyon County.

As a rural educator, there is a large amount of value put into having a good relationship with everyone that works in public safety. In the event of an emergency in Neosho Rapids, Hartford, or Olpe; USD 252 has the utmost confidence that the people who are taking emergency calls and putting help into action are well trained, qualified, and equipped to do the right thing. These steadfast relationships bring our rural communities' peace of mind when it comes to student safety in four attendance centers.

I urge you to support The First Responders Act. The First Responders Act will broaden dispatchers' ability to be receive services and benefits that can certainly lighten the mental load that these front-line workers endure. Rural settings support our First Responders and all emergency management divisions.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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