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TO: House Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Pamela Johnson-Betts, Secretary of Aging

RE: Support for SB 92

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of the Kansas Department on Aging.

During the 2004 legislative session, Kansas law (K.S.A. 39-1404) was amended to clarify the role of the Department in protecting adult care home residents from abuse, neglect or exploitation. One statutory reference was not amended at that time so that the current statute incorrectly identifies the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as the agency responsible for informing adult care home about findings of abuse, neglect and exploitation. We are requesting clean-up language to correctly reflect that it is the responsibility of KDOA to notify the facility of the findings.

Thank you for your positive consideration of the bill.

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