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Testimony

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Chairman Morrison and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Health Care Association, representing approximately 185 long-term-care facilities including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, homes plus, nursing facilities for mental health, residential health care and long-term-care units of hospitals, appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2342.

HB 2342 allows the pronouncement of death by an advanced registered nurse practitioner and a registered professional nurse in the adult care home where they are employed. Even though this might not seem like a big issue to some individuals, when someone has passed, it is very important to have this pronouncement happen in a timely manner. Particularly in rural settings where a delay in reaching a doctor might take time, if the pronouncement could be completed more efficiently with the appropriate staff we believe this would be a kinder, gentler way of handling this difficult event

We ask you support HB 2342.

Thank you.