



To: Representative Jim Morrison, Chair, and Members
House Health and Human Services Committee
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Testimony in support of House Bill 2342

Thank you Chairman Morrison, and Members of the Committee, for this opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2342.

The Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (KAHSA) represents 160 not-for-profit nursing homes, retirement communities, hospital long-term care units, assisted living facilities, senior housing and community service providers serving over 20,000 older Kansans every day.

House Bill 2342 would permit an advanced registered nurse practitioner and a licensed professional nurse to pronounce the death of an adult care home resident or hospice patient in certain instances. We support this measure. It will be especially useful in sparsely populated areas of the state, where physicians are very few and far between.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. I would be happy to answer questions.

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