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Written Testimony

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To: The Honorable John Barker, Chairman
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Dave Johnston, President Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA)

RE: SB 99, Updating certain emergency medical service related statutes

The Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) is supportive of SB 99 as submitted. The proposed changes represent the collaborative efforts of KEMSA and the Kansas Board of EMS to provide needed updates to EMS related statutes.

KEMSA is a professional organization represents which over 75% EMS agencies in the state of Kansas. KEMSA advocates for the delivery of high-quality emergency medical services and provides education across the state. The EMS profession is every changing due to advances in patient care and operational efficiencies. Statutes which provide regulation of EMS must be broad to allow for anticipated changes however some industry advances do require statutory change to reflect contemporary practice. The recommendations provided in SB 99 reflect agreed upon changes to the practice of EMS in the state of Kansas.

The requested statute changes have been vetted by the Kansas Board of EMS, KEMSA and have been inclusive of other Kansas EMS professional organizations. KEMSA requests the adoption of SB 99 in the original text.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of adopting SB 99.

Respectfully

Dave Johnston, KEMSA President