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Kansas House Health And Human Services Committee

RE: House Bill 2402: Providing for certain business entities to engage in the corporate practice of medicine

Dear Chairwoman Landwehr and members of the Committee:

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity (AFP) activists in Kansas, I am here to testify in support of House Bill 2402. AFP activists engage friends and neighbors on key issues and advocate for building a patient-centered health care system that lowers costs, increase choices, and improves access for millions of people seeking relief. The reforms outlined in HB 2402 to remove barriers on the corporate practice of medicine would promote all of these important goals by allowing more entrepreneurs to introduce new and innovative business models into the health care field.

Under current law, entrepreneurs in Kansas' medical field are often limited if they have a brilliant idea but lack a medical degree. In the past, Kansas imposed barriers on the "corporate practice of medicine" based on their fear that physicians will compromise the quality of care they provide patients if they work on behalf of non-physicians in a corporate setting.

However, these barriers make it extremely difficult for entrepreneurs in the health care field to implement new and efficient ways to deliver health care. For instance, some Kansas employers may want to directly hire their own physicians in order to introduce a more cost-effective process to deliver care to their employees. Unfortunately, these restrictions prevent them from introducing these innovations.

This committee can ensure new ideas and innovations enter the health care field by ending Kansas' barriers on the corporate practice of medicine. Please vote "Yes" on HB 2402 in committee to strengthen medical innovation and reduce health care costs on workers and families.

We thank you for the opportunity to address this critical issue and we look forward to working with the Committee to craft real reforms that expand access to affordable and high-quality health care for all Kansans.

Sincerely,

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