

KANSAS MEDICAL CANNABIS PILOT PROGRAM ACT

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Chairman Thompson and Member of the Committee:

I am Jared Holroyd, Executive Director for the Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA) and I stand in support of SB555, the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act. KPhA is the statewide professional association representing Kansas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists across all practice settings.

KPhA supports the dispensing of all controlled and legend medications, including any legal prescriptions for marijuana, through state board-licensed pharmacies. Pharmacists are extensively trained to dispense dangerous, controlled, addictive, and highly regulated substances. As such, pharmacists are uniquely qualified to help patients safely adhere to their prescribed marijuana regimen, identify contraindications and interactions, and discuss dosage form, dose, route of administration, and adverse effects. It also creates a path for the storage, distribution, sale and delivery of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act.