

To: Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee

From: Rob Tinsley, CEO

Currus

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Re: Support of HB 2263- Pharmacy Tech Vaccination bill

Madam Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support of House Bill 2263. I am Rob Tinsley, submitting testimony on behalf of Currus.

Currus is a cooperative that represents independent pharmacies across the state of Kansas. Currus has served independent pharmacies in Kansas for over 35 years, with over 60 member stores in each corner of the state and everywhere in between.

HB 2263 would allow trained pharmacy technicians to administer certain vaccines under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. This bill would help to increase the number of people who receive important vaccines, especially those in rural and underserved areas of our state. Pharmacy technicians are trained, state certified, and have an understanding of vaccines and their administration. Allowing them to administer vaccines would be a cost-effective and efficient way to increase access to these life-saving treatments.

Vaccines are a critical tool in preventing the spread of disease and protecting public health. Allowing trained pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines while under supervision would be an important step to ensure that as many Kansans as possible receive the necessary access to vaccinations.

Independent pharmacy supports HB 2263 as a safe, efficient, and cost-effective option for increasing local access and bringing additional healthcare benefits to patients throughout Kansas.

We ask for your support of HB 2263.