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Thursday, March 18, 2004

Testimony before the House health and Human Services committee on SB 430. An Act relating to adult care homes; concerning the use of inspection reports; amending K.S.A. 39-935 and repealing the existing section.

Chairperson Morrison and Members of the Committee:

I am Phyllis Kelly, Executive Director of the Kansas Adult Care Executives Association (KACE). Our association represents over 250 adult care home executives in nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Kansas. I appear before you today in support of SB 430 if amended to the language in HB 2306.

The KACE Board of Directors has reviewed the components of HB 2306. We concur with the proposed amendment which would keep the survey records and inspection reports inadmissible as evidence in any judicial proceeding. Other health care providers already have this protection in civil court, and we are asking for the same protection. These documents will still be a part of the public domain.

We urge your support of SB 430 if amended to language in HB 2306.