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TO: The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chair
House Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee

FROM: Wade Hapgood, Vice President State Government Affairs
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SUBJECT: H.B. 2454

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment on H.B. 2454. My name is Wade Hapgood and I am the Vice President of State Governmental Affairs for UnitedHealth Group. UnitedHealth Group is the largest insurance provider in the nation and 3rd in the commercial market in KS. United serves over 540,000 individuals in the state and is active in the Medicaid, Medicare, Tri-Care, and Commercial markets. Please accept this memorandum as our support of H.B. 2454.

HB 2454 will enhance the ability of health carriers to quickly and efficiently bring to market affordable health care plan designs, options and innovations. This will provide individuals and employers additional affordable choices to allot their health care dollar.

This bill allows the use of an EPO gatekeeper plan in which members seek a referral from their primary care physician when they need specialty care. With this tool, businesses are able to offer another plan design to help keep costs down for employers, consumers, and across the industry.

On behalf of UnitedHealth Group, I respectfully offer any assistance to the committee as it evaluates this legislation and we request that you act favorably on H.B. 2454.

Thank you. Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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