Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee HB 2264

Opponent Testimony Written Only Testimony

Richard Mullen Lawrence, KS Senate District #2

Honorable Chairwoman Gossage, Vice-Chair Erickson, Ranking Minority Pettey, and Committee Members:

I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2264.

HB 2264 was sold to members of the House as the No Patient Left Alone Act promising it would improve visitation rights for patients in healthcare facilities. However, this bill is clearly a special interest bill designed to give hospitals, adult care homes and hospice facilities the ability to control patient visitation with a heavy hand and be protected from civil liability. HB 2264 is NOT a bill that promotes health freedom and it certainly doesn't follow the Republican Party Platform which states that individuals should have control over their healthcare.

I ask for and would appreciate your opposition of HB 2264.

Sincerely, Richard Mullen Lawrence, KS