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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee,

My name is Tim Lackey and I am a Board Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician in private practice in Hutchinson, Kansas since 1996. I am PSC/PGA certified, a Titleist Performance Instructor, Chiropractic Staff Member for the PGA, and Team Doctor and Trainer for Buhler High School. I started the training program at Buhler High School in 1996 which entails all evaluation, treatment, and management of student athletes of all sports for the duration of the school year as well as teaching student trainers. Myself or associate Kiley Willis, DC are present in the high school training room every day following school and attend all varsity football games, all JV and Freshman football home games, as well as all other home varsity events for all sports. We are both fully aware of the Kansas Legislature's School Sports Head Injury Prevention Act and we follow the KSHSAA concussion guidelines and recommendations. Our current protocol for a potential concussion involves immediate sideline examination, removal from participation if diagnosis is confirmed, constant monitoring for the duration of the activity followed by parental education of symptoms or recommendation to seek further evaluation by a medical professional if severity warrants. We then notify the school nurse who informs the teachers so the athlete can be monitored during class on performance and concentration. The athlete is evaluated regularly in the training until their release by their medical provider and then monitored by us for the duration of the sport. The education I received in chiropractic college not only prepared me to diagnose and treat, but also to evaluate and release an athlete back to participation from any injury including a concussion.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 2578.

Sincerely,

Tim Lackey, DC, CCSP