

COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

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To: House Committee on Health & Human Services

RE: HB 2608

From: Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association, Brandon Beck, President

Date: February 8, 2016

The Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) is the professional association representing the paramedics, EMTs and ambulance services serving the citizens of Kansas. KEMSA works on various regulatory and legislative matters as well as conferences and educational programs.

KEMSA supports the passage of HB 2608.

The Kansas Trauma System was created through the efforts of hospitals, physicians, EMS, and the legislature in order to speed injured Kansans' to the hospitals best staffed and equipped to handle them.

This system saves lives.

We improve the trauma system through evaluation and that does not work without data. HB 2608 helps improve the ability to gather and compile the correct data so that we can better evaluate the state trauma system and thus improve our ability to save the lives of our friends and neighbors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact KEMSA.