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TESTIMONY

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TO: SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2617

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Chairwoman Lynn, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Kansas Self Insurers Association (KSIA). We are here to encourage your support for the passage of HB 2617.

Larry Karns and the State Division of Workers Compensation were very generous in reaching out to us before the 2016 legislative session to give us a heads up this legislation would be coming and to solicit our feedback. That consideration gave us time to vet these policy changes with KSIA leadership.

KSIA has no objections to the proposed changes and would encourage your support.

I believe there is an amendment coming today that would offer two changes, one to chain of custody for drug testing and one for work disability thresholds. We have been a party to the crafting of that amendment and would support its passage as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear today, and I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.