

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

SB 225 EMS Licensure

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Hearing

Good afternoon Chairperson Ostermeyer and fellow committee members. My name is Kevin Flory, and I am the President of the Kansas State Firefighters Association. Our association represents the approximately 16,000 members of the Kansas Fire Service both paid and volunteer, firefighter and chief officer. I am writing today to ask you to support SB 225. Often times in our world as emergency responders, we are taken across boundaries into neighboring jurisdictions to give assistance. Sometimes for those border county departments, this means going into the neighboring states to give aid. We are asking for SB 225 to be passed to allow for clarification of our medical responders roles when going into a neighboring state for assistance. Also, this bill would allow Kansas to come more in line with our neighbors and spell out our responder's roles when crossing state lines. Several bordering states already have this in place, but Kansas is somewhat of an island without it. I hope that you can find it possible to review this bill and pass it favorable to improve our responder's ability to provide aid in neighboring states in a time of need. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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