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To: Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: Support for SB 415

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

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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 SB 415.

SB 415 allows the Trauma Regions (a creation of the state law creating the statewide trauma system) to continue to have confidential discussions, when appropriate, regarding particular trauma cases. Since the critical trauma patients (car wrecks, shootings etc.) often involve situations where patients are served by multiple ambulance services and hospitals as they are transferred to major specialty hospitals, it is critical that all involved can review the medical care provided as we seek to improve the trauma system in Kansas. The ability to provide protection to those meetings held for the specific purpose of trying to improve the patient care provided must be spelled out in state law otherwise hospitals and ambulance services will decline to participate.

KEMSA strongly supports the removal of the sunset clause regarding the trauma regions in Kansas.