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Sen. Jeff King, Chairman
Committee on Judiciary

Mr. Chairman and Committee on Judiciary Members,

The Kansas Emergency Nurses Association and the Kansas State Nurses Association would like to add their support to the passage of Senate Bill 415. Our particular interest and support concerns the continuation of the Advisory Committee on Trauma in Section 10.

The Advisory Committee on Trauma has been an effective body that has worked to improve trauma care in Kansas in conjunction with the Kansas Trauma Program. This diverse group of both rural and urban physicians, nurses, emergency medical personnel, hospital administrators and legislators all has this as a common goal.

The committee has developed and updated a statewide trauma system plan; formed Regional Trauma Councils that address local injury prevention and treatment issues; participates in the continuation of a valid Trauma Registry; implemented designation and re-designation of all levels of trauma center facilities, and has supported both prevention and injury treatment education.

We feel it is vital that this Committee on Trauma reduces injury and death from traumatic events in our state and we will appreciate you passing this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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