

Kansas State Legislature
House of Representatives
Topeka, Kansas
Committee on Health and Human Services

2/10/2025

Regarding: House Bill 2368 – Providing for the licensure of Anesthesiologist Assistants.

Dear Representatives Will Carpenter, Ron Bryce, and Committee Members,

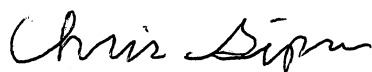
My name is Chris Gipson, and I am an Anesthesiologist practicing in Kansas and Missouri. I am writing in strong support of House Bill No. 2368, which would grant licensure for Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs) in Kansas.

I have the opportunity to work with both CRNAs and CAAs on a daily basis in Missouri. Both providers practice under the same medical direction of a physician anesthesiologist, both work within the anesthesia care team model, and are given the same clinical responsibilities in delivering anesthesia to patients. Both CRNAs and CAAs at our practice receive the same compensation, benefits, and anesthesia case load.

Recently, I have been given the opportunity to provide more anesthesia services in Kansas at a new surgery center located in Overland Park. Unfortunately, due to licensure restriction, the CAAs I work with in Missouri are unable to deliver the same high quality anesthesia services in Kansas. Expanding licensure to CAAs in Kansas would help Kansas maintain an adequate anesthesia workforce moving forward. CAA licensure in Kansas would preserve physician-led, team based model of anesthesia care that has proven to deliver the highest standards of patient safety.

I strongly encourage the committee to support HB 2368 and provide Kansas patients access to the same highly-skilled anesthesia providers I have the privilege to work with regularly. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or requests for further information. Thank you for your time and attention in this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Gipson".

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