



Senate Bill 126
Written Proponent Testimony

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- **Chairman Carpenter and Members of the Committee, I respectfully stand in support of Senate Bill 126.**
- **This bill would safely expand the Kansas health care workforce and reduce barriers to employment of military family members as Physician Associates formerly known as Physician Assistants.**
- **I call the attention of the committee to these disturbing statistics: unemployment among military spouses is about 20%. By comparison, unemployment for disabled individuals is about 7% and for all other female adults in the USA, the unemployment rate is 4%.**
- **SB 126 addresses, in a positive way, this employment disparity for one segment of the potential Kansas workforce.**
- **Military readiness is improved when each military family has better economic security. This bill supports military readiness.**
- **I strongly urge the committee to support this bill and thank the committee for their welcome support of several similar occupational licensing bills now in the legislative process.**