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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Kevin J. Robertson, CAE  
Executive Director

RE: SB 104 – Charitable Healthcare Provider Act

Chairman Owens and members of the committee I am Kevin Robertson, executive director of the Kansas Dental Association (KDA) representing 1,250, or some 77% of the state's licensed dentists.

I am pleased to appear before you today in support of SB 104 which is simply clean up language for the Charitable Healthcare Provider Act. The language on page 2, lines 16-28 was passed by the 2003 legislature after it had been worked out and agreed upon by the KDA and the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association prior to the first Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) Dental Project in Garden City in February 2003. This language provides immunity to licensed dentists and dental hygienists working at a KMOM free dental clinic.

Since 2003 the annual KMOM free dental clinic administered by the KDA's own Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation (KDCF) has provided dental care to 19,400 patients totaling \$9.75 million. We just completed our 10<sup>th</sup> KMOM at the State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson on January 21-22, 2011. Each KMOM Dental Project consistently provides about 1,700 patients with around \$1 million in free dental care per year.

KMOM has never received a government grant or tax-based support with the exception of local law enforcement or government facilities that from time to time are donated for the event. It costs approximately \$60,000 annually to put on a KMOM and nearly half of the dentists in Kansas have participated in at least one KMOM event.

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