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**Written Testimony of Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association
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Supporting SB 362: Amendment to the ECP legislation
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
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Senator Schmidt and members of the committee, The Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association (KDHA) is asking you to support the enactment of SB 326. This simple amendment to the current Extended Care Permit (ECP) legislation will allow more children access to preventive oral health care services by making it more inclusive.

SB 326 will allow any child who has not seen a dentist in the last 12 months to be eligible for preventive services from an ECP provider. Two active ECP providers were on this committee and provided positive feedback helping to create the changes in this current legislation. SB 326 was collaboratively amended by several stakeholders concerned with improving access to dental care to children that included representatives of the KDHA, the Kansas Dental Association, Oral Health Kansas and KDHE.

By passing SB 326, more children will be eligible to access preventive oral health care services by ECP providers. Do the right thing and pass SB 326 to help children get preventive oral health services as well as much needed preventive education to prevent future dental caries and gum disease.

Respectfully submitted,

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