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TO: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
FROM: Chad Austin
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RE: Senate Bill 186

The Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill 186, which amends the Personal and Family Protection Act. KHA represents 126 community hospitals across the state. Of these hospitals, approximately 40 percent would fall under the definition as a state or municipal-owned medical care facility and would be subject to the provisions of Senate Bill 186.

KHA supports the provision in Senate Bill 186 which permits the governing body of a state or municipal building the option to decide if they want to allow concealed carry weapons in their building. Last year, when a similar bill was introduced, KHA proposed language to ensure this option was available for medical care facilities to accommodate the various needs of our member hospitals; some wish to allow concealed carry on their campuses while others want the ability to decide if concealed carry is right for them. This "local control" provision is contained in Senate Bill 186 in new section 1(g) and we strongly urge the committee to keep this language.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.