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Mr. Chairman and Madame Chair  
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As we are transitioning state Medicaid into KanCare, we are committed to ensuring that consumers, providers, and vested parties have access to multiple avenues of support when questions, comments, or concerns arise. To that end the Administration has created many avenues to receive and address concerns or ideas for improvement to KanCare. KanCare has an advisory council and several key consumer and provider workgroups.

Another key element for KanCare's success is legislative oversight. Through numerous hearings over the past two years to the health committees, children and families committees, and budget committees, legislators have helped shape and reform KanCare. Just a few key examples of legislative initiative on KanCare are the creation of the ombudsman position, the front door billing solution, and the year delay in implementing I/DD long term care and supports systems for one year.

The Administration supported KanCare oversight bills last session and strongly supports Chairman Crum and Chairwoman Pilcher-Cook's efforts to pass a legislative oversight bill this session. HB 2025, introduced in the House Health and Human Services Committee, is a strong legislative oversight bill that will consolidate key legislators from the health and budget committees as KanCare continues to be implemented.

Also, as we transition Kansans to KanCare, we understand their will be needs from your constituents. To help assist you on any KanCare issues that may arise in your district, the Administration has appointed Ren Mullinix as our KanCare legislative liaison. Ren, as an extension of my office, will make sure that concerns are addressed, understood, and resolved in a timely and efficient manner. Please use him as your direct contact whenever a KanCare matter comes up. His contact information is below:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today. I will be happy to take any questions.

Regards,

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