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TO: SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

FROM: GARY L. ROBBINS, MA, CAE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: SENATE BILL 210

Thank you for the opportunity to appear in support of Senate Bill 210. I am Gary Robbins, Executive Director of the Kansas Optometric Association. The potential for health information technology to improve the quality and coordination of health care is exciting. We want to commend Dr. Joe Davison and his board, along with Kansas Department of Health Environment Secretary Dr. Robert Moser and his staff, for their hard work to advance health information technology.

We believe the transition to an advisory council within KDHE makes sense to administer ongoing health information technology issues. We strongly support S.B. 210.

We would also like to offer an amendment for the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee to consider in New Section 13. It would allow for a member of the Advisory Council to be a representative of the Kansas Optometric Association.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to appear.