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To: House Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Nicole Proulx Aiken, Legal Counsel

Re: HB 2123

Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and its member cities.

The League does not have a position on whether the state should license massage therapists. The League opposes section 12 of this bill, however, because it preempts a city's ability to maintain professional licensing requirements for massage therapists.

Only a handful of cities in Kansas regulate the professional licensure of massage therapists. Cities that do so, however, have found that such regulation prevents crimes like prostitution. Prohibiting cities from maintaining professional licensing requirements would inhibit cities from protecting their citizens and communities from such crimes. Consequently, the League respectfully asks this Committee to remove section 12 from HB 2123.