



**Kansas Association of Therapeutic Massage
& Bodywork, Inc.**

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The Honorable Representative Daniel Hawkins, Chairman
Health and Human Services Committee
Room 546S
Kansas Capitol Building
300 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612-1504

Good Day, Chairman Hawkins and Members of this committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak regarding HB2123, The Massage Therapist Licensure Act.

I am Carrie Collins, President of KATMB, the Kansas Association for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, Inc. KATMB is a professional association founded in 1984. We have members living and working throughout this great state, members who agree to conduct their lives and practices according to our Code of Ethics. Our interest in this proposed regulation is to ensure our members may continue their work without undue hardship.

In the past, KATMB actively opposed regulation. After the Kansas Department of Health and Environment hearings determined that the State of Kansas should regulate the profession, AMTA and ABMP, the national associations responsible for the introduction of this bill, HB2123, invited KATMB to express our concerns and offer input. We accepted.

During the House Committee hearings in 2014, based on the language of HB2187 and taking into consideration the varied opinions of our members, KATMB testified that we had moved from a position of opposition to one of neutrality.

This year, again based on the language of HB2123, as currently introduced, KATMB will remain neutral. We will continue to remain watchful of this process to ensure our members may continue their work.

Thank you for your time.