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Testimony in support of HB 2376

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to add my support of HB 2376.

It was my pleasure to represent the House of Representatives as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Board for four years. During that time I learned a great deal about the men and women who serve Kansas' communities in times of emergency and disaster.

At the present time the only action the Board can take is to limit, suspend, or revoke an attendant's license. This action not only takes the person "out of service" for a time but increases the likelihood of fewer people available for those times of emergency.

This bill gives the EMS Board the ability to impose a disciplinary action on members of the profession without depriving them of their livelihood.

This legislation will allow more options for the oversight of the professionals who are the Emergency Medical professionals in our State.

Your favorable consideration of HB 2376 is appreciated.

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