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TO:

House Health and Human Services Committee

FROM:

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DATE:

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RE:

House Bill 2319 - Support

On behalf of Rawlins County Health Center, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for House Bill 2319, which requires the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop a federal Medicaid waiver for a budget-neutral managed care program known as KanCare 2.0. KanCare 2.0 would provide access to healthcare coverage options for newly eligible individuals while employing personal responsibility through cost sharing and rewarding healthy outcomes and responsible health choices.

You have heard the myriad reasons why this is important to small and large Kansas hospitals. The genie is out of the bottle and there is no rewinding the clock so we must find a way to survive in 21^{st} century healthcare.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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