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Testimony for House Health and Human Services Committee on House Bill 2319

Chairman Hawkins and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to the Committee and to voice support for House Bill 2319. I appreciate this opportunity to voice my support of expanding Medicaid insurance in Kansas. Expansion of Medicaid will help provide security to many of ECKAN's customers that, without medical insurance, are unable to access vital health services.

One of the most critical needs identified by our most recent Community Needs Assessment was "Adults Without Health Insurance." Lack of health insurance negatively affects many of our clients and their families and is a barrier to self-sufficiency.

The expansion of Medicaid in Kansas will be tremendously beneficial to the families that we serve. ECKAN supports HB 2079 and encourages the Committee to recommend it favorably.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Coleman
ECKAN Board President

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