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TO: Committee on Health and Human Services

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RE: House Bill 2324 – Newell Stillbirth and Dignity Act

The Kansas Hospital Association, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 2324. KHA represents 127 community hospitals; 73 of which are birthing facilities. This proposed legislation addresses the care provided to families experiencing a stillbirth and focuses on the importance of collecting research data to better understand risk factors and causes of stillbirths.

Supporting grieving families that have experienced a stillbirth is of high importance to Kansas hospitals and providers. KHA has communicated our willingness to provide education to our member hospitals regarding the importance of having and following established guidelines when caring for these families. We believe this approach is much more effective than adding additional regulations. We would request that House Bill 2324 be amended to strike section four.

As for the remainder of the proposed legislation, we continue to gather additional feedback from our members as it relates to collecting data on stillbirths for research purposes.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.