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Testimony of Todd Hague

Support of HB 2578

House Health and Human Services Committee

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Chairman and members of the Committee:

Hello, I am writing as a representative of Cheney High School on behalf of Dr. Steve Gould, DC, and licensed chiropractors from across the state of Kansas in support of HB 2578.

Cheney High School is a small, rural high school that does not have an abundance of medical doctors that can be available at our high school athletic competitions. Dr. Steve Gould, DC, is a member of our community that has contracted with our school to provide athletic training services for our home events for both our teams and visiting teams.

Dr. Gould provides immediate care and, if the athlete chooses, continuing care at his office. If there are licensed chiropractors around the state that provide the levels of care that he does and their roles are expanded to include concussion protocol testing, observation and return to play, I only see that as a benefit to our students and schools.

School budgets are tighter every year, but our charge to provide for the safety of our student athletes only increases. If we can increase the pool of providers and still provide an adequate level of safety for student athletes, I see it as a win for all groups involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Todd Hague