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To the Kansas State House Health Committee,

As a Board-certified Internal Medicine Physician working in private practice in the state of Kansas, I am writing in full support of the House Bill 2599 which allows physicians to bill patients for anatomic pathology services.

Our practice has proven that the direct primary care model best serves those with and without health insurance. The cost of primary care that we deliver is a fraction of the traditional model, while delivering quality care. Our diverse patient panel demonstrates that our popularity reaches Western Kansas and deep into Missouri, like Chillicothe, Independence, and St. Joseph.

In addition to providing accessible, evidence-based primary care, regardless of insurance status, a big part of our clinic's mission is to provide affordable, transparent pricing to our patients that removes the financial incentive that often results in unnecessary testing. Despite current industry standards allow significant up-charging on anything from tests to pharmaceuticals to imaging and procedures, I support measures such as this bill that requires pricing transparency across the board.

Thank you for your time,

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