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To the members of the Kansas State House Health Committee,

As board certified family physicians, we have been practicing medicine in Wichita collectively for over 35 years. We are writing in full support of House Bill 2599 which allows physicians to bill patients for anatomic pathology services.

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 and transparent pricing to our patients. This removes the financial incentive that often results in unnecessary testing. Despite current industry standards which allow significant up-charging on testing, pharmaceuticals, imaging and procedures, we support measures such as this bill requiring pricing transparency uniformly.

Thank you for your time,

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