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Testimony re: HB 2614
House Health and Human Services Committee
Presented by Julie J. Hein
on behalf of
Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores
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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Julie Hein, and I am Government Affairs Consultant for the Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores (KACDS) which represents NACDS member's including 11 companies operating over 280 stores in Kansas, employing over 27,000 full and part-time employees and paying over \$331 million in state taxes.

KACDS supports HB 2614 and we appreciate the Kansas Board of Pharmacy for updating the statute to conform to the Federal Drug Supply Chain Security ACT (DSCSA), updating the Pharmacy Technician and other Pharmacy Statutes. This bill deals with the following key issues:

- NACDS/KACDS supports the addition that adds language specifying that pharmacists "may provide up to a three-month supply of a prescription drug that is not a controlled substance or psychotherapeutic drug when a practitioner has written a drug order to be filled with a smaller supply but included sufficient numbers of refills for a three-month supply".
- Requires compliance with DSCSA (the federal supply chain law) and makes related updates to the law impacting wholesale distributors and third party logistics providers.
- Creates new registration requirements for outsourcing facilities, and requires any facility that is registered with FDA as an outsourcing facility to register with the KS Board of Pharmacy.
- Updates language under KSA 65-1663 related to pharmacy technicians including requiring techs to complete 20 hours of CE and specifying that every pharmacy technician registered after July 1, 2016, shall be required to pass a certified pharmacy technician examination approved by the board.

We have not heard back from all of the KACDS members regarding this language. If we hear back from members with concerns, we will share that with the Board of Pharmacy as the bill moves forward.

Thank you for considering our views, and we ask that you vote 'yes' on HB 2614.