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Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th Street
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Re: Neutral Testimony on SB 490

Interim Chairman and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me to offer neutral testimony on SB 490. I serve as legal counsel for the Kansas Association of Oriental Medicine (KsAOM). The KsAOM stands neutral on the bill as it is currently written. As a corollary to this, Senators O'Donnell and Baumgardner met with all the stakeholders yesterday. As a result of that meeting the stakeholders are working together to draft proposed amendments to SB 490 that have been agreed upon conceptually. The intent of the stakeholders is to have the language ready for the Committee's consideration for the March 14th meeting. With the pending proposed amendments to SB 490, all the stakeholders reached a meeting of the minds to simultaneously pursue the passage of both SB 363 and SB 490.

We extend our appreciation to all the stakeholders who have continued to work in support of the passage of SB 363, including the Kansas Medical Society, the Kansas Chiropractic Association, the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, and the Kansas Physical Therapy Association. We also would like to thank the Kansas Board of Healing Arts staff for their impartial regulatory guidance from the perspective of being the agency charged with responsibility for enforcing the bills. We also extend a special thank you to Senator Baumgardner and Interim Chair Senator O'Donnell who brought the parties together and facilitated the meeting that resulted in the agreement.

Sincerely,



Diane L. Bellquist