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Chairman Waymaster and members of the committee, I am Dr. Greg Lakin, State Medical Officer, for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for House Bill 2759.

It is essential that the flow of opiates in our medical system be monitored to help stop the increase in opiate overdoses and deaths that our state is already seeing. The K-TRACS monitoring system is crucial. It needs to monitor all medically prescribed or obtained opiates to be effective. This is the only way prescribed opiates can be monitored and ensure compliance and avoid diversion to in the hands of addicts. K-TRACS has proved to be efficient in curtailing abuse, however a system is only as effective as its weakest link. This is why dispensers of veterinary opiates, another supply source, also needs to be included in the system as well as the funding to make it happen.

Thank you for supporting our statewide initiative, The Opioid Task force, as well as supporting this life saving bill.