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**Testimony to the House Public Health and Human Services Committee
In Support of SB52 – Amendments to Drug Schedules**

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Chairman Hawkins and Committee Members,

Our associations support SB52 amending the drug schedules. Our support is based on those additions addressing drugs we are finding during illicit drug investigations throughout the state.

Some of the amendments to the bill include adding several compounds currently found in synthetic illicit drugs in Kansas. The need for these amendments are supported by the findings of various crime labs around the state. The amendments are based on drugs being used in the illicit drug market.

This bill is critical to maintaining the proper drug schedules to address illicit drugs being used in Kansas which place our youth and other citizens at risk. Without these amendments law enforcement will not be able to remove these dangerous drugs from the streets or to address the drug dealers and illicit manufacturers exploiting these current gaps in our drug schedules.

We urge your support of SB52 and ask you to recommend it favorably for passage.

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