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Dear Health and Human Service Committee Members:

I have been practicing dentistry in rural Kansas for 34 years. The expanded care initiative or whatever if it is called at this time is not going to effect my practice in the coming years. However, it will have a major impact on the access of quality dentistry for years to come.

There is <u>no</u> lack of access to <u>quality</u> dentistry in rural Kansas today. However if this initiative is passed it will have a negative impact on quality dental care in rural Kansas for the future. If this initiative was in place 34 years ago I would not be practicing in rural Kansas today. I would expect many other dentist practicing in Western Kansas to be like minded. So, if your plan is to decrease access to quality dentistry in Kansas, by all means pass this legislation.

Please take time to consider the negative effect this legislation will have on dental care for future Kansans!

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Sincerely

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