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Chairman Williams and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee to express my support for H.B. 2137.

One of the things that makes Kansas a great place to live, whether raising a family, working or enjoying retirement is the spirit of “neighbor helping neighbor.” Kansas has a reputation of citizen leadership through volunteer activities from girl scouts, 4-H, PTA, public welfare and even government.

In many communities First Responders are key to handling medical emergencies and possibly saving lives, H.B. 2137 will allow anyone, regardless of title or position to serve in emergency medical service, ambulance serve or volunteer fire fighter. It adds language to define what a “volunteer” is and will not change the status

A 2016 Attorney General opinion noted that certain government official could not be an EMS volunteer due to the possibility of incompatibility, if they receive the usual compensation or other remuneration for such volunteer services.

H.B. 2137 will bring opportunity for anyone to serve their community as a volunteer emergency medical service, ambulance service or fire fighter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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