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Chairperson Schmidt and Committee Members  
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**Health Occupations Credentialing Fee Fund- Support**

Good Afternoon Chairperson Schmidt and Committee Members. I am Cindy Luxem, President and CEO of the Kansas Health Care Association and the Kansas Center for Assisted Living. KHCA/KCAL is a trade association with a membership of nursing homes, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health. We are the oldest nursing home trade association in Kansas and our members care for nearly 20,000 elders across the state each and every day.

Health Occupations Credentialing is one of the most important agencies to our profession. All background checks are done in this department. It is imperative they have the appropriate funding to do their work. Please support their request for this additional enhancement.

Thank you for your support.