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Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
Chairperson Schmidt and Committee Members  
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**HB 2590**

**Long Term Care Ombudsman Bill - 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.

As HB 2590 was originally written, we could not support the legislation. But, since the legislation has been amended, we will offer our support as long as the amendments stay in it as it was passed out of the House.

Kansas Health Care Association will support this bill as amended.