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**Senate Ways & Means Committee**  
**Testimony re: SB 94**  
**Presented by Ronald R. Hein**  
**on behalf of**  
**HCA, Inc.**  
**February 6, 2017**

Madam Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Ron Hein, and I am legislative counsel for HCA, Inc. which is one of the nation's leading providers of healthcare services, composed of locally managed facilities that include more than 250 hospitals and freestanding surgery centers located in 20 U. S. states and in the United Kingdom, including in Kansas: Wesley Healthcare, Wichita; Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Lenexa; and Menorah Medical Center, Overland Park. HCA, Inc. is concerned about all issues relating to the health care industry.

KanCare has brought some unique challenges to HCA, and especially to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, which provides a large percentage of the Medicaid care in Kansas.

We strongly support SB 94 as a means of restoring the 4% Medicaid cuts which had a substantially negative impact on the entire HCA system, and especially Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. SB 94 would restore those cuts. We recognize that the KanCare MCO's will be generally made whole and that the EPO legislation promoted and passed last year by the other MCO companies provides assistance. We strongly oppose the Governor's proposal for putting an additional tax on hospitals through the provider assessment.

From our perspective, we believe SB 94 represents the most equitable way to fund the restoration of the Medicaid provider budget cuts imposed by the administration last year.

We urge you to support SB 94.

Thank you for permitting me to submit this written testimony.