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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Proponent Testimony on HB 2522 • February 19, 2020

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for giving the Kansas Association of Counties the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2522, which would establish the rural hospital grant program.

For many rural communities, having a hospital in place allows the community to continue to keep vital services within the community. The availability of this care means that the community can remain vital, and even grow. Any steps that can be taken to maintain these hospitals in these communities is crucial to the survival and growth of rural Kansas.

KAC understands that there is no single silver bullet to provide for and maintain rural healthcare. However, HB 2522 offers an additional tool that can be utilized in that effort.

KAC supports the rural hospital grant program and would ask the committee to recommend HB 2522 favorably for passage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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