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Representative/Chair Brenda Landwehr
House Health and Human Services Committee
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Representative/Chair Landwehr and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee today in support of HB 2199.

I believe that the proposed amendments in section two (2) of the bill are appropriate and would assist in eliminating delays in the cremation process. Adding language allowing an electronic signature of the coroner's permit to cremate also is appropriate—as the State of Kansas utilizes an electronic death registration system.

Section three (3) of the bill repeals a statute, KSA 65-2429, that is no longer necessary—again since the State of Kansas now utilizes an electronic death registration system that allows for that information to be obtained when the death record has been filed.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this legislation. I will do my best to answer any questions of the committee.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mack Smith, Executive Secretary
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