



**House Committee on Health and Human Services
Testimony in Support of House Bill 2402
Presented by Kristi Brown, Sr. Director of Government Affairs**

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Madame Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Kristi Brown, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in Support of House Bill 2402.

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce is constantly seeking to insure a regulatory climate in Kansas that promotes a healthy business environment and instills regulatory certainty. Our membership, made up of small, medium and large businesses from across the state, have made it an organizational priority to support meaningful health care reform aimed at lowering the overall cost of health care while also supporting innovative practices that improve health care access and quality.

Burdensome and unnecessary state regulations not only stifles business growth, in this case, it also restricts healthcare professionals from practicing medicine in a way that can better serve patients. Allowing businesses the option of providing access to on-site or near site physicians not only improves the health and productivity of their employees, it provides an additional method by which physicians may chose to practice medicine.

The prohibition of allowing physicians to practice in this manner is antiquated and inappropriately limiting. We have worked diligently this session to address the questions and concerns of this committee and the Kansas Medical Society regarding the Corporate Practice of Medicine. After repeated meetings and discussions, the bill you have before you today, we believe, best reflects the expectations of this committee to find points of compromise with concerned parties regarding patient safety and privacy while also insuring the legislation does not create an unmanageable bureaucratic burden.

We thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB2402 and I am happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.