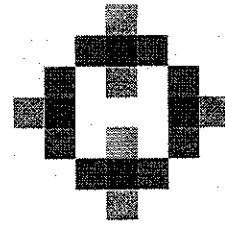


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The Honorable Jene Vickrey, Chairperson
House Committee on Insurance
State Capitol, Room 212-N
Topeka, KS 66612

Subject: Statement of support of HB 2074

Dear Rep. Vickrey and members of the Insurance Committee,

On behalf of the Hutchinson Regional Health Care System, thank you for the opportunity to Submit testimony on HB-2074.

Healthcare is an absolute necessity for a strong workforce, and treatment of chronic and long-term conditions helps to ensure that. A measure such as this helps to ensure good coverage for more people and is good for hospitals and healthcare providers, as uninsured care places a huge burden on systems. Most people have health conditions that could be classified as pre-existing, and policies allowed to exclude those conditions could leave many people vulnerable to not getting the care they need. This bill seems a step in the right direction to protecting health care for all Kansans.

Sincerely,

Ken Johnson, CEO Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System