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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the  
Senate Committee on Public Health  
Proponent testimony on SB 252 • January 23, 2020

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 252, which would expand Medicaid (i.e. KanCare) within the state of Kansas. KAC supports expansion of the Kansas Medicaid program to extend healthcare coverage for the physical and behavioral healthcare coverage for at-risk Kansans and supports the pursuit of public health in Kansas.

Medicaid expansion has been a legislative priority for the Association of Counties, as voted on by our membership, since the 2015 legislative session. Counties are a vital part of the public health fabric of Kansas. County commissioners serve as the public board of health in Kansas counties, and 100 local health departments serve all 105 counties. As such, counties are very interested in this legislation.

Medicaid expansion will also help more Kansans access both preventative care and medical care. Healthy residents are good for the state. A healthy Kansas is a more productive Kansas. Making access to health care more available helps move us closer to this goal.

Please report SB 252 favorably for passage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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