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Good afternoon Chairman Suellentrop and other committee members. My name is Kevin Flory and I am the President of the Kansas State Firefighters Association. Our association represents the approximate 16,000 firefighters in Kansas, both career and volunteer.

Our association would like to express our support of SB 320. We feel this bill will bring a more modern definition of what is an infectious disease. Many of our responders face potential exposures to infectious diseases everyday. Over time, many of these exposure risks change. We feel that the language being proposed will help to keep the risks identified and in line with the most up-to-date studies and risks as identified by the Secretary of KDHE. This will lead to more accurate protection for those responders who may come in contact with these exposures.

I thank you for taking the time to review this testimony and hope you consider passing this bill favorably to help provide some peace of mind and protection to our hardworking emergency responders in the state.