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**Testimony re: COVID-19 Liability Concerns
Possible Legislation to Mitigate Liability
House Judiciary Committee
Presented by Ronald R. Hein
on behalf of
Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists
May 13, 2020**

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Ron Hein, and I am legislative counsel for the Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists (KANA).

We are submitting this written testimony to express our support for language submitted by the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Medical Society regarding immunity from liability for healthcare providers in the course of providing treatment to patients for COVID 19 during this disaster period. This pandemic involving a virus which science still does not know enough about has resulted in unusual responses in patients which could not have been foreseen by providers. There should be no liability for medical care provided under these extreme situations which do not constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton actions.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony.