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Haely Ordoyne, Chairwoman
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Chairwoman Landwehr and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Adult Care Executives (KACE) is a non-partisan, non-profit professional association serving nursing home administrators and assisted living operators in Kansas. Our membership includes 300 individual administrators and operators from both the nonprofit and for-profit adult care sectors. Our association brings the unique perspective of not only the profession of healthcare, but of those professionals living it every day of their lives.

We are here today to advocate in favor of SB 453. We know that many Kansas legislators and committees have been tasked with ways to help address the healthcare workforce shortage. SB 453 is a stepping stone to help move us in the right direction.

Passage of this bill would be highly beneficial for the following reasons

1. Allowing LPN's to teach a CNA course instead of only RN's, would essentially double the instructors available to teach in our state. More instructors equals more access to instruction.
2. Simulation laboratories for up to 50% of clinical hours means more availability to meet students where they are. The easier we make access, the more likely this opportunity will be taken advantage of.
3. Allowing ALL RN's to administer skills demonstration again expands accessibility which increases opportunity to the potential workforce.

We thank you all for your efforts regarding this bill. We greatly appreciate your recognition of this important matter. The future of senior living healthcare would be even more highly accessible with the passage of this bill.