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Dear Chairman Rep. Brenda Landwehr and Members,

I am expressing my support to the House for approving Bill 453. This Bill is in reference to an urgent desperate need in our community and entire State of Kansas to allow LPN's to teach CNA Courses. LPN's are adequately qualified to teach CNA courses as they are licensed professionals and this would allow overcoming the shortage of healthcare professionals. There is a shortage of RN's and the State should allow for LPN's in teaching CNA courses.

This bill also addresses supporting RN's with experience in caring for the elderly or chronically ill of any age to administer the skills demonstration portion of CNA competency evaluations regardless of the clinical setting of their experience is necessary in order to decrease the shortage of CNA's in that we are currently facing today.

Good Shepherd Hospice has faced a shortage of health care professionals, CNA's and RN's significantly in the last 3 to 4 years. The Pandemic has created an increased shortage nursing and nurse aide shortage not only for Good Shepherd Hospice but the community as well.

Our community needs a well-trained workforce to assure that we will have a community of health care workers to be able to provide the care needs our Kansas's when in need just not at end of life but when ill. I support 453 and do diligently believe that LPN's should be able to train CNA's as multiple states allow at this time.

Thank you and looking forward to the passing of SB 453.

Sincerely,

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