



Kansas House Committee on Health and Human Services  
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Chairwoman Landwehr,

My name is Morgan Buntin, and I am a pharmacist in Southeast Kansas. I would like to voice my support for SB 200 on point-of-care testing. There are countless times in an average day at my pharmacy that a patient would benefit from the ability of a pharmacist to provide basic testing for them. Our reality is that the COVID-19 environment has kept patients from visiting their providers for infections like strep throat and influenza because they are worried about going out in public and possibly catching something worse. However, those patients still come to the pharmacy to pick up their medications every month. Pharmacists are the most widely available and accessible health care providers in most of our communities. As students in pharmacy school we are trained and taught to perform these diagnostic tests, as well as how to best treat them based on the patient's health conditions. We are well equipped to provide this service, and our clinical knowledge puts pharmacists in a perfect position to implement this continuity of care for our patients.

As a pharmacist, I am excited for a new opportunity to serve, not only my patients, but also the providers in my area. My colleagues in clinics and hospitals in my area are overwhelmed and overworked. The shortage of nurses and other healthcare staff has wreaked havoc on the health system as the ones remaining are left to try to maintain the quality of care for their patients, but also their own quality of life. I would love to be able to relieve some of the workload by helping with the basic testing, so they can focus on the more complicated cases that they are trained for. I also look forward to a closer working relationship with the providers in our area. A team-based approach has been shown time after time to result in better outcomes for our patients.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and for your continued work to provide the best for Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Buntin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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