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House Judiciary Committee
Chairman Patton and Committee Members
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House Bill 2652– Governmental Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Proponent

Good Afternoon Mister Chairman and Committee Members. I am Linda MowBray, President/CEO of the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living. We are a state-wide trade Association representing for-profit and not-for-profit nursing home, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health communities across the state. We are the oldest nursing home trade association in Kansas and have over 265-member communities.

HB 2652 is a needed piece of legislation and among many other things, it extends immunity from civil liability. Our health care providers need this type of protection.

The protections are narrowed to only those health care activities related to the COVID-19 emergency, and do not apply to acts, omissions or decisions that result in gross negligence or willful and reckless conduct.

The pandemic's not over. It's easing in some areas but let's let our health care providers concentrate on providing care in an extremely difficult environment not fending off COVID-19 related civil actions.

Please support HB 2652. Our care providers are counting on you.

Thank you and I'll stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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