



Kansas Hospital
ASSOCIATION

TO: Senate Commerce Committee

From: Audrey Dunkel, Vice President of Government Relations

Re: Senate Bill 10

Date: January 26, 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 10 on behalf of our 122 community hospital members. We oppose SB 10 due to our members concerns about this legislation's potential unintended consequences.

Our priority is the safety of the Kansans we care for each day. We are concerned about the ability of regulatory agencies like the Board of Healing Arts and the Board of Nursing to meet the annual review and reporting requirements, respond to petitions to remove or change regulations in the 90-day window, and complete their statutory licensure and monitoring duties. Kansas hospitals rely on these agencies to respond to licensure requests and address complaints promptly. Backlogs in either of these areas could limit access to care and potentially put patients at risk.

We believe this bill's goal – to reduce unnecessary regulation – is a laudable one. However, we believe it is too broad in its scope and does not differentiate those professions that directly impact the lives and health of Kansans from those that do not. Without the exclusion of healthcare professions from the bill, we stand in opposition of SB 10.

Thank you for your consideration.