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Senator Warren and Members of the Committee:

We thank you for the opportunity to collaborate with you regarding solutions for the adult care sector and for those that serve them.

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 members are located throughout the state of Kansas and several members serve as both the administrator and owner of their facilities.

### **Support for HB 2477**

It's no secret that there is a national staffing crisis. Unfortunately, in the Adult Care sector, it has only been exemplified through this pandemic. The challenges of providing care persist due to the Omnicron variant, workforce shortage, the increased costs of goods, slow supply chains to receive those goods, and balancing visitation with infection control practices all while operating with uncertain financial stability. KACE supports the flexibility this legislation would grant to providers. This legislation will remove many hurdles and red tape in our efforts to recruit, retain and cross train support staff to provide services to those we care for. It is our hope it will serve as the first step towards making certain elements contained within this legislation, such as the temporary nurse aide, more permanent.

There are many issues that we are still facing in our industry. However, your support with this critical matter is vital to our survival. As always, and with the utmost respect, we thank you all for your time and efforts.