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Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Dear Chairman Hilderbrand and Committee Members:

I am a co-owner and operator of several Adult Care Homes in Kansas. I am writing to express my support for SB 453.

We staff our Adult Care Homes with Certified Nurse Aides, Certified Medication Aides, Licensed Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses. Unfortunately, we are facing an unprecedented shortage of qualified staff.

Health care is in desperate need of an abundant, stable, and well-trained workforce. Certified Nurse Aides are the backbone of health care services in our state. CNA certification is also a prerequisite for Certified Medication Aides, Home Health Aides, Licensed Practical Nursing and some Registered Nursing programs in Kansas. Finding ways to increase the CNA training pipeline is an essential part of solving workforce issues across the entire health care spectrum.

SB 453 will help address the severe staffing shortage that those of in health care in Kansas are experiencing.

Sincerely,

Neil Barnett
Co-Owner/Operator