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Representative Will Carpenter

Chairman, Federal and State Affairs

Chairman Will Carpenter:

Chairman Carpenter, Vice Chair Kessler and Ranking Minority Leader Hoye, I wish to thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 2358 permitting mid-level medical practitioners to provide medical certification to attest to an individual's cause of death.

I received a request to introduce legislation last summer from a private clinic practitioner, who had been providing medical services for nearly 20 years. The family wanted to have the nurse practitioner sign the death certificate and they found out she could not by Kansas statute. I later found out that Rep. Eplee had introduced HB 2358 in your committee. I have discussed a compromise version with the Revisor's Office and it appears we can apply an amendment to HB 2358 and achieve a version that all groups will support.

I am asking the committee to consider passing HB 2358 out of committee favorably.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Blex". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Rep. Doug Blex

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