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The Honorable Brenda Landwehr,
Chairperson House Committee on Health and Human Services
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairperson Landwehr and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my support for HB 2793. The bill was drafted after a series of conversations with my constituents, who were concerned that their minor children had received medical evaluation and care without the knowledge or consent of a parent or guardian. Research of this revealed that indeed there has been erosion of parental notification and consent requirements over the years.

HB 2793 seeks to uphold parental consent as a basic requirement in most cases involving medical care of a minor. An exception being cases involving potential loss of life or limb, in which the minor may be treated emergently without consent. Also, emancipated minors would continue to be able to give consent. This bill leaves in place the ability of minors 16 years and older to give consent for immunizations. It also leaves untouched the consent requirements involving abortion.

I look forward to discussing this bill with the committee. Please contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Bryce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" being particularly prominent.

Ron Bryce, M.D.

Kansas House, district 11