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Chair Gossage and Committee members, my name is Dared Price. I am a pharmacist and an owner of 6 small independent community pharmacies in South Central Kansas. I am here today to voice my support for HB 2263. Over the past two years, our pharmacies have given between 30,000-50,000 vaccinations. We have done many of these onsite at our stores, but we have also done many clinics off-site at different employers and school systems. We have worked with companies such as Dold Foods, Johnson Controls, Andover Public Schools, and Derby Public schools to name a few.

There is no way we would have been able to administer these vaccinations without the help of our pharmacy technicians. We have had over 30 pharmacy technicians become trained and certified to administer Covid, Flu, and other vaccines to our patients. These technicians have administered thousands of vaccines over the past couple of years and have never had an issue. In fact, we have had repeat customers come into our pharmacy and ask specifically for pharmacy technicians to administer their vaccines.

As a small business owner with workforce issues, it has been instrumental for pharmacy technicians to be able to administer vaccines for our stores. Truly I can't imagine returning to a time when they are not able to do this as a valuable member of our teams. Thank you for your time and attention.

I would be happy to stand for any questions when appropriate.