



**Written Only Testimony re: HB 2263
Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee
Presented by Mitch DePriest on behalf of
Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores
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Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mitch DePriest, and I am representing the Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores (KACDS), which represents a number of retail and chain pharmacies operating hundreds of stores and employing thousands of full and part-time employees across Kansas.

The KACDS supports HB 2263, to continue allowing pharmacy technicians to administer vaccinations pursuant to the supervision and control of a pharmacist.

While not in Kansas law, pharmacy technicians have been able to administer vaccinations since August of 2020 pursuant to the Federal PREP Act. During that time, hundreds of technicians have demonstrated their capability of providing Kansans seeking health care increased, improved access. Pharmacy technicians have done this without any change in standards by requiring vaccine administration pursuant to an established protocol, training requirements, reporting to a primary care provider, and submission to Web IZ.

We would add that a number of states have updated their statutes cementing this authority for pharmacy technicians, and that a number of other states are considering legislation similar to HB 2263. Absent such action this authority could expire in Kansas and result in hundreds of trained and capable pharmacy technicians being sidelined.

We would also request the committee to consider amending HB 2263 to mirror language surrounding the age of vaccine administration for influenza to extend to those seeking a vaccination for COVID. This was previously discussed and found agreeable between pharmacy and physician stakeholders.

We strongly urge the committee to support HB 2263.

