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To: House Health and Human Services Committee

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Executive Director

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Re: HB 2157; expanding the scope of practice of pharmacy to include "point of care" testing and treatment of COVID-19

The Kansas Medical Society appreciates the opportunity to provide comments today in opposition to the expanded scope of practice established in HB 2157.

HB 2157 would amend the Pharmacy Act to include "point-of-care testing" and the initiation of medical treatment for COVID-19 as established within the framework of statewide protocols established through the passage of SB 200 in 2022. The bill would authorize the state Collaborative Drug Therapy Management Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) to adopt a statewide protocol for COVID-19. Currently, there are statewide protocols for point of care testing and treatment of influenza and streptococcal pharyngitis.

Efforts to include COVID-19 in the original legislation in 2022 were rejected by the legislature for a variety of reasons. Over the counter testing for COVID is widely available and affordable. Most individuals do not require treatment unless they are a high-risk patient with comorbidities that could be life-threatening without proper medical treatment from a trained physician.

HB 2157 is both unnecessary and opens the door to substandard care for high-risk patients. We respectfully urge your opposition to HB 2157.