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Representative Landwehr and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Adult Care Executives (KACE) is a non-partisan, non-profit professional association representing nursing home administrators and assisted living operators in Kansas. Our membership is represented in both the nonprofit and for-profit adult care sectors. We are the literal boots on the ground and are on the forefront of delivering care to our aging and senior population daily.

NEUTRAL POSITION ON HB 2264

WE ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT A PATIENT'S RIGHT TO VISITATION. The impacts of the pandemic and the rules and regulations related to it were very traumatic. We all did our best to ensure that no person passed alone in our care facilities.

Many adult care homes are regulated by the federal government through the rules of participation from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services. This means that if HB 2264 is passed into law our adult care homes will be faced with fines, penalties, loss of federal funding or loss of licensure to provide care if those adult care homes break federal requirements to follow state law, and that puts our adult care homes in an untenable situation.

KACE would support HB 2264 if a provision is added that will allow federally licensed adult care homes to follow federal requirements, regulation, or statute, if those requirements, regulation, or statute conflict with the provisions set forth in HB 2264. Adult care home professionals always act to provide compassion and humanity to all Kansans living in our communities, and we hope our testimony conveys the struggle adult care homes face between moral integrity and the federal regulatory compliance that has the authority to close our homes.

As always, we thank you for your efforts and the time to provide our updates and concerns of the industry and we look forward to the legislative efforts on these critical issues. We are here to answer any questions, and we are happy to collaborate in all efforts to support our seniors and aging population.