

**March 12, 2023**  
**Opponent Testimony**  
**Written Only**  
**Jared Shiffman**  
**Lenexa, KS Senate District # 21**

Dear Chairwomen Gossage and Committee Members:

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB2264.

I deeply support the concept of this bill and believe that protection of patient rights is desperately needed in Kansas.

However, as written, it does not adequately protect patient rights. At the end of the bill, it gives all rights to the hospital through their allowed written policies, with no option for challenge even if any policy is unreasonable and could deny patients visitors.

The only person who should be able to decide if they want a visitor is the patient or power of attorney.

This bill is important to me because my wife's mom was hospitalized last year without visitors. I can't see how this bill would have changed anything.

PLEASE **DO NOT** PASS HB2264 OUT OF COMMITTEE AS WRITTEN.

Sincerely,

Jared Shiffman  
Lenexa, KS