

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
March 15, 2023
RE: Opponent Written Testimony for HB 2264

Madam Chairwoman Gossage and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I am appalled that HB 2264 is fraudulently titled the “No Patient Left Alone Act” as if it were in the best interest of the patient! There are not enough adjectives to describe my outrage at the audacity of the authors of this legislation to brazenly attempt to fleece Kansas citizens!

This bill clearly was not written to protect patient rights, but rather a bill to define and support the rights of the medical establishment to enforce visitation rules. It PROVIDES for the revocation of patient rights. It REMOVES patient rights. It LEGALIZES the removal of patients’ rights!

If you have ever had a loved one in the hospital, you can imagine what it would be like to be restricted from seeing that person. You know what happened during covid – you've heard the testimonies of patients dying alone, many dying needlessly because they had no advocate by their side; of visiting relatives being forcibly removed from the medical facility; of newborn babies being torn from their mothers’ arms - the list goes on and on. People were forced to endure egregious, unnecessary, and arbitrary regulations in medical facilities. This bill is evidence that some legislators put the interests of lobbyists above Kansans.

Please, have a heart. Work for the people of Kansas – your employers – and NOT the lobbyists. Protect Kansans. KILL THIS BILL.

Respectfully,

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