

## **TESTIMONY ON SB 103 FROM THE KANSAS ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY**

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The Kansas Academy of General Dentistry is a national organization of approximately 40,000 members with a Kansas component having approximately 1500 members. The mission of AGD is to “advance general dentistry and oral health for our patients through quality continuing education and advocacy”. Our role in Kansas is to actively monitor the dental issues that affect the way we practice and the patients we serve.

The Kansas Academy of General Dentistry is opposed to Senate Bill 103. Patient protection is of utmost importance to all Kansas dentists. This provision in the dental statutes has been amended several times to make it possible for dentists to own more than one practice while keeping the patients in mind.

The current Kansas stature ensures that a dentist (not a corporate manager) owns the dental business. In addition, by requiring that the owner dentist be in the dental office 20% of the time, the patients will know who they can contact if there are issues with the dental work provided or any financial issues.

There are numerous dental owners in Kansas that have opened multiple practices under the 20% requirement. The 20% time requirement is not restricting trade in Kansas. It is an ideal solution to maintaining patient protection without an undue limit on expansion of the businesses of dentists in Kansas.

We sincerely asked that you vote to oppose SB103. Thank you for allowing me to present this information on behalf of the Kansas Academy of General Dentistry.

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