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Committee

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OPPONENT

WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:

Chair and members of the committee,
Thank your for the opportunity to voice
my opposition to bill HB 2420.

I am a recently retired nurse residing in
Shawnee, Kansas, and I am concerned
regarding the ramifications of this bill on

the children in our community that need behavioral health and their families.

We already have a law in Kansas (K.S.A. 72-6287) requiring parental consent for ongoing behavioral health treatment.

The current law provides clear guidance while also allowing staff to support immediate needs of students.

The proposed law is redundant and not clear. Advocates for students and staff are concerned of unintended consequences such as unnecessary delays in essential care and the chilling effect potential fines can have on the ability of parents and staff being able to work together to keep students safe.

Please vote against this bill: HB 2420.

Sincerely,
Lynne Ganaden
Shawnee, Kansas

