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Chairwoman Susan Estes  
Chair, Education

RE: HB 2489

Chairwoman Estes

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in strong support of HB 2489.

This legislation represents a critical step in protecting our children from a fentanyl crisis that has become a public health catastrophe. The volume of lethal doses entering our state is staggering, and it is no longer enough to address this issue at our borders and in our courtrooms; we must address it proactively within our classrooms. HB 2489 requires school districts to implement age-appropriate fentanyl abuse prevention programs for students in grades 9 through 12. By educating students on the severe risks of these substances, we can prevent deaths and stop this crisis at its source.

Additionally, the bill mandates that every school maintain a stock supply of naloxone because we know that in the event of an overdose, seconds matter. Ensuring Narcan is available on-site creates a safety net that will prevent tragedies on school grounds. Crucially, this bill empowers the Attorney General to utilize the Kansas Fights Addiction Fund to help school districts secure these supplies, ensuring this mandate does not become a financial burden on local educators. HB 2489 is the necessary next step to ensure our schools are safe havens where help is available the moment it is needed, and I urge the committee to recommend HB 2489 favorably for passage.

Sincerely,

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