

Kansas State Legislature  
House of Representatives  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

2/12/2025

Regarding: House Bill 2368 – Providing for the licensure of Anesthesiologist Assistants.

Dear Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

My name is Tyler Werth, and I am a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA). I am writing in strong support of House Bill No. 2368, which would grant licensure for CAAs in Kansas.

I have been delivering anesthesia services in Missouri for nearly ten years. During that time I have been employed along with CRNAs to deliver the same anesthesia services, in the same anesthesia care team model, with the same Anesthesiologists.

Providing licensure so that CAAs may provide care in Kansas does not displace CRNAs, we deliver the same anesthesia services. Providing licensure does not adversely affect CRNA programs, CRNAs choosing to leave clinical training sites reduces teaching opportunities from students, not the presence of a CAA. Patients in Kansas will benefit from CAAs because we deliver anesthesia care in a patient-centric team, with an Anesthesiologist, making it the safest model of care for patients.

I currently work in Missouri for an anesthesia group who currently provides anesthesia services for multiple surgery centers located in Kansas. If licensure for CAAs passed, I could begin working in Kansas immediately. I know many CAAs who live in Kansas but must drive to Missouri to work that would also love the opportunity to serve patients in their Kansas community.

I strongly encourage the committee to support House Bill 2368. Thank you for your time and attention in this very important issue. If I can provide more information or answer any questions, please find my information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Werth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dear Representatives Will Carpenter, Ron Bryce, and Committee Members,

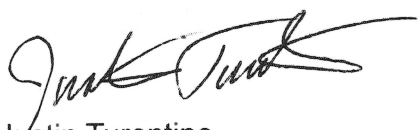
My name is Justin Turentine and I would like to show my strong support for House Bill No. 2368 to allow Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs) to gain licensure to provide anesthesia services in the state of Kansas.

I am currently the executive director of Beacon East Surgery Center in Missouri, where CAAs collaborate with CRNAs to deliver high quality anesthesia to our patients. A second surgery center I oversee, Beacon West Surgery Center, was recently opened in Overland Park, Kansas. At this location, CAAs are unable to provide anesthesia services for our patients due to licensure restriction. It is my strong desire to support efforts to allow CAA licensure in Kansas so that our team of surgeons, who currently work with CAAs in Missouri, may also work with CAAs in Kansas.

Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants are highly skilled medical professionals who help plan and deliver high quality anesthesia services to our patients. They work in cooperation with an Anesthesiologist in the Anesthesia Care Team, providing the safest model of care for our patients. Please support House Bill No. 2368 to provide licensure of Anesthesiologist Assistants in Kansas.

Thank you again for your time. I am available should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Regarding House Bill 2368 - Providing for the licensure of Anesthesiologist Assistants.

Dear Representatives Will Carpenter, Ron Bryce, and Committee Members,

My name is Matthew Daggett and I would like to show my strong support for House Bill No. 2368 to allow Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs) to gain licensure to provide anesthesia services in the state of Kansas.

I am an orthopedic surgeon practicing in Kansas and Missouri. I have had the opportunity to work with Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs) in Missouri for a number of years. I have directly observed that CAAs are highly-skilled anesthesia professionals that consistently provide high-quality and safe anesthesia for my patients in the operating suite.

It is my strong desire to support efforts to allow CAA licensure in Kansas so that my surgeon colleagues and I who currently work with CAAs in Missouri may also work with CAAs in Kansas. Please support House Bill No. 2368 to provide licensure of Anesthesiologist Assistants in Kansas.

Thank you again for your time. I am available should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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