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**Testimony to the House Committee on Health and Human Services
In Support of SB193
March 3, 2025**

Chairman Carpenter and Committee Members:

Our associations are in support of SB193 relating to making Naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, available to more law enforcement agencies. This is the drug that has saved thousands of people from an opioid overdose death.

We requested this bill to be removed from the requirements of K.S.A. 65-16,127 when not issuing a drug requiring a prescription. Those requirements were put in place to allow us to obtain naloxone (Narcan) for our officers to carry when it was only available by prescription. Since it is now available over the counter those policies are no longer necessary.

The requirement in that statute causing some of our small agencies not to issue Naloxone to their officers, due to the cost of compliance, is the requirement to have a medical director. That provision is found on page 2, line 43 through page 3, line 4. That is no longer necessary since a prescription is not required. This not only creates an unnecessary cost, but there may also be challenges with the lack of available physicians willing to do it.

The amendments found on page 3, lines 14-16 remove us from that requirement. This will leave the provisions in place to allow us to obtain a prescription grade opioid antagonist drug in the event something new and better comes on the market requiring a prescription. If that occurs, the exemption wording would not apply and we would have to have the medical advisor to obtain an opioid antagonist requiring a prescription.

We encourage you to move SB193 forward favorably.

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