

2/7/2025

Re: Senate Bill 161

Dear Senators,

My organization, Community Health Council of Wyandotte County (CHC), works with Kansans using programs like SNAP and Medicaid, and employs Community Health Workers (CHWs) that assist residents with their health needs. We regularly partner with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to advocate for sustainable Medicaid and CHW policies that improve community health and reduce healthcare costs.

SB161 threatens these agencies' ability to enhance these programs by adding unnecessary red tape, making it harder for local experts to operate efficiently. We urge you to vote No on SB161. This bill would negatively impact Kansans because it would make it harder for local agencies to adapt to ever-changing health needs while needlessly increasing bureaucracies.

Please feel free to contact me at [mgotobed@wycohealth.com](mailto:mgotobed@wycohealth.com) if I can provide additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,



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