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Chair Gossage and members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support SB 327.

At the time the Bethell Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight Committee was established, there was strong agreement among the administration, advocates, and providers that robust legislative oversight was essential to guarantee accountability and transparency for a systems change as large and complex as KanCare. KHCC summed it up well, “legislative oversight of KanCare will be an important tool for achieving the goals of KanCare and for ensuring transparency and accountability for consumers and all stakeholders invested in making KanCare successful.”

From the start, this committee has served as a vital platform for consumers and providers to raise issues and recommend solutions. It has directed agencies and MCOs to address delays in eligibility, workforce shortages, provider rate parity, waiting lists, and more. This work is only possible through active stakeholder engagement, which helps the committee remain effective, informed, and focused on solutions.

This committee is one of the few venues for consumers to be publicly heard. Many of the issues presented are complex and nuanced and deserve a thorough discussion from all perspectives. We appreciate the committee’s commitment to oversight and stakeholder concerns outlined in the enabling legislation. But with the compressed legislative timeline, we understand that requiring the January and April meetings be held during the session may be difficult to achieve. For those reasons, we support SB 327.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for SB 327 and encourage you to pass it out of committee.

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