

Testimony In Support of HB 2562

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee to speak in support of House Bill 2562. My name is Ann McShane and I am a nurse and Director of Clinical Development and Outpatient Department at Galichia Heart Hospital in Wichita.

I appear before you today because I am passionate about saving lives and I've dedicated my career to helping others in need. In the hospital and clinic setting we are well-prepared to deal with emergency issues that are often time critical. Unfortunately, the same cannot always be said for situations that arise outside of the hospital setting. EMS crews and first-responders do an amazing job of responding quickly and rendering aid once they are on scene. However, the really critical moments are immediately after a situation occurs. These first few minutes before any professional assistance arrives on scene can make a huge difference in the outcome of the situation.

Anything Kansas can do to encourage citizens to render aid should be done. This bill eliminates confusion in the current law and removes a potential barrier that, for some, may cause them to delay a response or refuse to get involved at all.

I encourage you to pass HB 2562.

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