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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to be before you today. It is a pleasure to be working with a committee that is visionary and has placed technology as a priority to enhance their ability ability to work efficiently and effectively. That is precisely what HB2513 brings to the State of Kansas and the citizens.

HB2513 is an Act providing for the establishment of an electronic communicable disease reporting system and establishing criteria for the system. While Kansas currently has a reporting system, it relies on manual data entry while HB2513 provides for near real-time electronic communicable disease reporting and assists in the identification of potential outbreaks or bioterrorism events.