

TO: Health and Human Services Committee,  
and Chairman Morrison

FROM: State Representative Patricia Barbieri-Lightner  
29<sup>th</sup> District

RE: House Bill 2562

Thank you for allowing me to testify today in support of HB 2562.

This bill is all about with providing authorization of care for relatives of minor children.

The main issue here for this committee relates to the medical care portion.

Relatives parenting minor children often have difficulty being able to get medical and dental care to children. This bill, while not affecting the rights of the minor's parent(s), will give the relatives authority to provide the medical or dental care upon proper completion of the affidavit.

There are many minor children in the state of Kansas being raised by their relatives, who do not have legal custody of those children. This bill if enacted into law gives a temporary assistance-the affidavit must be renewed yearly, without relatives having to spend hundreds of dollars to go to court for this authorization.

Thank you for your time in hearing this bill.

Sincerely,

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State Representative  
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