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**TESTIMONY PRESENTED
TO
THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
re: HB 2737**

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**by: Rebecca Rice, Legislative Counsel
Kansas Chiropractic Association**

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Rebecca Rice and I appear before you today on behalf of the Kansas Chiropractic Association to express support for HB 2737.

Previously, the KCA typically opposed efforts to change the term *registration* to *licensure* for the various groups that were requesting the change. The KCA generally supported maintaining a system that separated individuals with specific, definable and extensive education in medical treatments that were separate, distinct, definable (licensure) from those educated - but not as extensively educated - to provide definable but not exclusive treatments (registration or certification).

However, the legislature chose several years ago to allow groups to change the credentialing term *registration* to *licensure*. Therefore, we have alternatively stood silent or opposed the numerous licensure efforts that have come before the legislature based upon whether the request has attempted to create a protected scope of practice or merely attempted to change the term registration to licensure with no other apparent changes.

We are supporting the Athletic Trainers in their effort because:

- they have kept us informed of their plans.
- the proposed legislation mirrors what we were told would be introduced.
- we believe athletic trainers provide valuable services and many chiropractors work closely with AT's in their communities. Kansas chiropractors have found those relationships to be valuable for patients.

We appreciate the professionalism exhibited by the athletic trainers' association and are pleased we can support their legislation.

We, of course, are available for any questions the committee has about this legislation or other matters. Thank you.