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Chairman Morrison and members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of the Kansas Public Health Association to discuss our position on HB 2513.

HB 2513 speaks to the importance of timely and accurate disease reporting. Data about disease and injury are essential to the public health system's ability to respond appropriately. Such information is useful, not only in developing programs but also in evaluating them.

HB 2513 also recognizes the increasing role of technology in data collection. The Kansas Public Health Association supports the intent of HB 2513.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is currently engaged in activities aimed at improving disease reporting to the agency. While legislation can support those efforts, there is always the possibility it could unintentionally hinder them. We ask that as you keep this in mind as you consider this particular legislation.

Thank you.