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The Kansas Public Health Association enthusiastically supports **House Bill 2248**.

KPHA is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to promoting sound public health programs and policies in Kansas. Lead poisoning can seriously impair health, and children are particularly susceptible. Providing education to prevent it is good public policy.

Lead poisoning is preventable. The provisions of this act will allow Kansans to continue to receive the kind of education and training they need to prevent cases of residential and occupational lead poisoning.

KPHA was intimately involved in the passage of the original act. That involvement was based on our belief that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's lead program would be able to deliver on its promises to secure federal funding to support the program and to deliver quality services to professionals and members of the general public who might have an interest in preventing exposure to lead. We believe KDHE has done so. Therefore, on behalf of the 500 members of the Kansas Public Association, I ask that you support SB 204 so that the agency may continue its efforts to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Kansas.

Thank you.