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House Health and Human Services Committee

Testimony on HB 2478

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Stuart Little and I am the lobbyist of the Shawnee Mission School District #512. The Shawnee Mission School District welcomes the opportunity to submit written testimony on HB 2478.

Currently, we allow older children to carry inhalers and Epi-pens provided they have written permission from a physician and parent. Our health and safety specialists believe, based on the best current information, that children should have immediate access in case of emergency. Children below the sixth grade who require such medication often need assistance and therefore inhalers and Epi-pens are often located in the nurse's' office.

We support the passage of HB 2478.