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Senate Public Health and Welfare
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SB 352
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Chairwomen and Committee,

I am a proponent on Sb 352.

It was devastating to watch and hear all the stories of our most vulnerable, our elderly held like prisoners with no visitations to show love or support in these metrical facilities. They had no advocacy person allowed into these rooms, the families were denied to hold a hand as their loved one lie dyeing alone.

We can never let this happen in Kansas ever again. Please pass sb 352, concerning health and healthcare; enacting the John D. Springer patient's bill of rights; requiring hospitals to allow in-person visitation in certain circumstances; requiring hospitals to adopt visitation policies and procedures; creating a civil cause of action for violation of such rights.

Civil action is a must if the hospitals and/or nursing homes create prisons for patients in the future.

Individual rights are a must.

Please pass out sb 352 favorably from committee.

Thank you
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