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To: The House Committee on Health and Human Services

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RE: **HB 2453** – Dental Compact Info Hearing

Chairman Landwehr and members of the Committee, I am Kevin Robertson, Executive Director of the Kansas Dental Association (KDA) representing the dentists in the state of Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity discuss **HB 2453**.

HB 2453 is a dental compact bill that was worked on by the Council on State Governments with input from the American Dental Association, American Dental Hygienists Association, several state dental boards, and dental educators, among others.

The draft language for the compact was completed and then modified in early February as Kansas' critical "introduction of bills" deadline was approaching. As a result, the KDA and Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association determined it would be wise to meet together with the Kansas Dental Board and other stakeholders during the interim with the goal of presenting it to the Kansas Legislature in 2024. This time would give all stakeholders the opportunity to learn more about the intricacies of the compact while also determining if other legislative actions would be necessary for its implementation (such as funding, upgraded computer systems, etc.). This remains the KDA's goal as we look forward to working collaboratively with our industry partners on the dental compact.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss HB 2453! I will be happy answer any questions you may have at this time.