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**BEFORE THE KANSAS HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE –**  
**WRITTEN NEUTRAL TESTIMONY OF THE KANSAS DENTAL BOARD**  
**TO SENATE BILL 312**

Date of Testimony: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Bill Number: Senate Bill No. 312; An act concerning the Kansas dental board; relating to the practice of dental therapy; licensure of dental therapists.

Testimony: B. Lane Hemsley, J.D., Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board

Position: Written Neutral Testimony of the Kansas Dental Board to Senate Bill 312

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide written neutral testimony on behalf of the Kansas Dental Board (“Board”) to Senate Bill 312. I am Lane Hemsley, the Executive Director of the Board. The Board presently licenses and regulates dentists and dental hygienists.

The Board carefully considered the sum and substance of Senate Bill 312 at its regularly scheduled open public meeting on Friday, January 26, 2018. After a recorded roll call vote, the Board directed me to provide the following position statement to the Kansas Legislature and its associated committees:

2018 S.B. 312 addresses many of the past concerns the Board has expressed with dental therapy legislation because it protects the health and safety of the public by specifying dental therapists only perform irreversible dental procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed Kansas dentist.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your time and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.