



**Testimony In Support Of House Bill No. 2082 -
To the House Committee on Health and Human Services
Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson**

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Chairperson Landwehr and Members of the Committee, we thank you for the opportunity to present this information to you regarding House Bill No. 2082. Currus, Inc. is a for-profit corporation in Kansas that represents independent pharmacies across the state of Kansas. We have had many programs since 1985 that have served to improve the operations of independents and to represent their experienced views on matters such as medication administration in Kansas.

We support amending K.S.A. 65-1626 to include the language contained in House Bill No. 2082.

Pharmacists in Kansas and nationwide have continually shown their key role in relationships with their patients and providers in local health care communities. This has included the use of their knowledge in medication therapy management (MTM), medication adherence, health literacy and patient understanding of medication-related instructions and provider assistance regarding patient outcomes. This also has led to growth in enhanced services by pharmacists that move beyond the conventional outpatient pharmacy services to those that are more comprehensively focused on helping achieve better patient health outcomes. The prescription-order based services in House Bill 2082 are part of this effort to help Kansas patients.

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