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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 2632**

**Presented to the House Committee on Children and Seniors  
By Senior Assistant Attorney General Melissa G. Johnson,  
Chair State Child Death Review Board**

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Representative Concannon and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony today in support of HB 2632. The State Child Death Review Board is in support of HB 2632 and urges you to also support this important legislation.

As identified in the 2021 State Child Death Review Board Report, which is available on our website at [www.ag.ks.gov/scdrb](http://www.ag.ks.gov/scdrb), improvements to the child welfare system are a stated legislative priority of the Board. Specifically, the Board recommended that legislation be enacted to require a medical evaluation by a pediatric health professional with specialized training in detecting and assessing potential child abuse injuries when allegations of child abuse have been made. This legislation directly addresses this issue and is an important step in preventing future child abuse fatalities in Kansas.

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