



To: Chairman Bethell, and Members,
House Aging and Long Term Care Committee
From: Joe Ewert, KAHSA Government Affairs Director
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Testimony in Support of House Bill 2147

Thank you, Chairman Bethell and Members of the Committee. I am Joe Ewert, Government Affairs Director of the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Over 20,000 older Kansans are served everyday by KAHSA's 160 not-for-profit nursing homes, retirement communities, assisted living and senior housing facilities, and community-based service programs.

We support the provisions of House Bill 2147 that would increase the maximum number of individuals allowed to live in a single Homes Plus residence to 12. The current number of residents allowed under the Homes Plus licensure creates challenges to the financial feasibility of this model, especially during periods of turnover between residents. By providing greater flexibility, HB 2147 will strengthen the Homes Plus model, granting Kansas seniors greater options in choosing how to receive the long term supports and services they need.

Thank you. I would be happy to answer questions.

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