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TO: House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

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RE: House Bill 2568

The Kansas Hospital Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 2568, which modifies the Kansas Offender Registration Act. We are respectfully requesting an amendment to the proposed language to clarify that Kansas community hospitals are not subject to the reporting as outlined in House Bill 2568.

Although the current language of House Bill 2568 in section 1, subsection (p) on page 6 of the bill modifies the definition of "treatment facility" by striking the word "hospital" and adding "mental health, drug or alcohol" treatment or counseling, it was our understanding that the intent of the legislation was to mandate that state hospitals report the presence of an offender after arrival for inpatient treatment. Our concern is that the newly proposed language does not fully exempt community hospitals and their free-standing units from the provisions of the bill. We would suggest the definition of "treatment facility" under section 1, subsection (p) to be amended by the following.

(p) "Treatment facility" means any public or private facility, ~~hospital~~, or institution providing inpatient *mental health, drug or alcohol* treatment or counseling, **but does not include a hospital or any free-standing unit of a hospital as defined in K.S.A 65-425.**

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. I would be happy to stand for questions.

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