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Before the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

By John Kiefhaber, Exec. Director

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Concerning House Bill 2159, "AN ACT concerning physical therapists; evaluation and treatment of patients"

Chairperson Schmidt and members of the Committee:

The members of the Kansas Chiropractic Association (KCA), representing doctors of chiropractic throughout the state, appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed statute change for physical therapy services without the consultation with a practitioner of the healing arts.

KCA cannot support the change in statute proposed, because doctors of chiropractic strongly believe that the healing arts act serves to assure Kansas patients of a proper examination and diagnosis of their health condition before a course of treatment would be started. This statutory control serves to allow practitioners of the healing arts the opportunity to apply their education, training and experience with patients before an ill-designed or inadequate treatment approach could harm a patient. Sometimes it is the lack of adequate diagnosis and treatment that could cause an injury or ailment to get worse if not properly diagnosed.

KCA has not seen any information that would lead us to believe that Kansans are not receiving the physical therapy services they need under the current system of doctor referrals.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We would urge the Committee to NOT REPORT H.B. 2159 out for passage.

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