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House Health and Human Services Committee
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By: Carolyn Gaughan, CAE, Executive Vice President

Chairman Hawkins and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HB 2065, on behalf of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP). Our organization represents over 1,660 active, resident, student and life members across the state. The mission of KAFP is to promote access to, and excellence in, health care for all Kansans through education and advocacy for family physicians and their patients. Quality health care and health outcomes for our patients guide our public policy work. As family physicians, we see people of all ages, both men and women, and we work with almost every type of ailment and illness that afflict our patients.

KAFP **opposes** the increased assessments HB 2065 would raise on hospitals. We certainly support reinstating the 4% cuts made in Medicaid last summer and believe that can be accomplished by passing HB 2180, which was recently recommended favorably by the House Appropriations Committee and does not include an assessment on hospitals. With so many of our hospitals experiencing financial hardship, especially in rural areas of the state, now does not seem like the time to be increasing their financial burden in any way.

Thank you again for the opportunity to enter this **written testimony**. We urge you to join us in opposing HB 2065.