



**Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Testimony of Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service
Corporation (KPSC)
Support of SB 51
January 24, 2017**

Chairwoman Schmidt and Members of the Committee,

This testimony is submitted by Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation (KPSC), which has served independent pharmacies in Kansas for 32 years with a very competitive national retail buying program and with many advocacy services that point to the key role which community independent pharmacies play in the health and well-being of Kansas citizens.

KPSC stands in support of SB 51. We thank the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Kansas Board of Pharmacy for introducing this bill.

This bill broadens the authority for the Board of Pharmacy to respond to the imminent hazards that certain scheduled drugs can pose to Kansans. Given the changing landscape of drug abuse, KSPC believes the Board must be able to respond immediately without delay.

Such delays have occurred in the past. An example of this is last year's lethal drug U-47700. The Board was unable to schedule the substance under their current authority. Understanding the fact that Kansas has a part time legislature, the Board is not able to get permission any time during the calendar year.

We see this bill as a step forward to preserve safety in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony to the Committee. If you have any questions on our testimony, please contact KPSC CEO Peter Stern by e-mail at psstern@kspharmserv.com or by phone at 785-228-1695.

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