

Written Testimony re: HB 2055 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Presented by Julie J. Hein on behalf of Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores March 7, 2017

Madam Chair, Members of the Committee:

My name is Julie Hein, and I am a Government Affairs Consultant for the Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores (KACDS) which represents NACDS member's including 15 companies operating over 329 stores in Kansas, employing over 29,600 full and part-time employees and paying over \$459 million in state taxes.

KACDS supports HB 2055.

We appreciate the Kansas Board of Pharmacy updating the statute to conform to the Federal Drug Supply Chain Security ACT (DSCSA), updating the Pharmacy Technician and other Pharmacy Statutes. This bill deals with the following key issues:

- Specifies pharmacists may provide up to a three-month supply of a prescription drug when refills allow.
- Requires compliance with DSCSA (the federal supply chain law) and makes related updates to the law impacting wholesale distributors and third party logistics providers.
- Creates new registration requirements for outsourcing facilities, and requires any facility that is registered with FDA as an outsourcing facility to register with the KS Board of Pharmacy.
- Updates language under KSA 65-1663 related to pharmacy technicians including requiring techs to complete 20 hours of CE and specifying that every pharmacy technician registered after July 1, 2016 shall be required to pass a certified pharmacy technician examination approved by the board.

Thank you for considering our views on HB 2055.