



**Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee
Testimony of Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service
Corporation
In Support of HB 2055
Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

Chairwoman Schmidt and members of the Committee,

This testimony is submitted by Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation (KPSC), which has served independent pharmacies across Kansas since 1985 with a very competitive national retail buying program as well as with many advocacy services designed to educate policy-makers and promote the vital role that community independent pharmacies play in the healthcare of Kansas citizens. Our advocacy work includes regular interaction with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy on issues that may impact independent pharmacies.

KPSC is in favor of passing HB 2055 as it contains needed changes to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy's ability to clearly perform its duties and functions. Updates/amendments to the statutes governing the Board's actions and authority are periodically needed to reflect current pharmacy practice, changes in federal law and changes in state oversight of all pharmacies that transact business in Kansas. These include, but are not limited to, key definitional terms, compliance with the federal drug supply chain security act, use of automation in pharmacies and regulations regarding pharmacy technicians.

KPSC appreciates the Kansas Board of Pharmacy's thorough work culminating in the language set forth in HB 2055. We stand in support of the bill. If any questions or clarifications of KPSC's position on this bill should arise, KPSC CEO Peter Stern may be contacted by e-mail at psstern@kspharmserv.com or by phone at 785-228-1695.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony to the Committee.

Your Competitive Advantage

3512 SW Fairlawn Rd., Ste. 300 • Topeka, Kansas 66614 • 785-228-1695 • 800-279-3022
Fax: 785-228-9147 Website: kspharmserv.com