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**Testimony: HB 2030 – Pharmacists, pharmacy student or intern, administration of any vaccine to a person twelve years of age or older
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
March 15, 2017**

By: Carolyn Gaughan, CAE, Executive Vice President

Chairman Schmidt and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to support HB2030, as amended, on behalf of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP). My name is Carolyn Gaughan and I am the Executive Vice President of the KAFP.

Our organization represents over 1,660 Family Physicians across the state; from actively practicing physicians to medical students and residents. *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.

We support HB 2030, as amended. We opposed the bill as originally drafted, because the age was dropped to six years. Issues expressed by our members centered on fragmentation of care and concern that the primary care physician would lose opportunities to see children during their key pre-teen years when there are many issues to discuss with them.

At the same time, we also understand the convenience and additional access that expansion to allow pharmacists to give immunizations presents to parents. We believe that the age of twelve is a great balance between these important issues. It allows additional convenience and access for parents while preserving the relationship between physician, family and providing them with the medical home. If for some reason the immunizations are not given in the physician's office before age twelve, then the pharmacists have their "shot" at it.

We urge your support of HB2030, as amended. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify on behalf of KAFP. Please don't hesitate to contact KAFP if we can be of further assistance.