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Good Morning Ms. Chairman and other esteemed Senators of the Committee.

Thank you for the oppotunity to speak in opposition to SB387.

In my career, I have had a great deal of positive contact with several pharmacists over the years through the 1 to 1 relationship of physician/pharmacist protocols. It is a great collegial model and works very well. There is no demostable need to deviate from this model.

PHD trained pharmacy students do not obtain the necessary clinical contact hours required to make rational comprehensive decisions for the care of Kansas patients. I am an allopathic provider of medical care. I am an M.D. An allopath is very knowledgeable about all medications, drugs with thousands of hours of clinical application and education. Pharmacy students obtain a fraction of clinical hours compared to MDs, and do not get the intensity of clinical decision making as compared to allopathic MDs. These are irrefutable facts.

Thank you for this oppotunity to testify in opposition of SB387 to maintain the focused 1 to 1 relationship between physician and pharmacists as it exists currently.

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