

**Mrs. Linda French  
In support of HB 2082  
House Health and Human Services Committee  
Wednesday 2/6/19**

Madam Chairman and Committee members,

My name is Linda French and I am here testifying in support of HB 2082 as a patient who is prescribed Dupixent for my psoriasis, which must be administered by injection every 2-weeks. This medication is typically self-administered, however due to a significant apprehension about needles I am always incredibly uncomfortable every second week. For this same reason I would much rather ask my local pharmacist to administer this shot instead of doing it myself. I find myself putting off taking the shot and sometimes even forgetting about it.

My dermatologist has offered to administer the shot herself, however I live 45-60 minutes away and that is a long drive every 2 weeks. My local doctor would do it, but, would charge for an office visit and I am not sure that Medicare /Tricare would cover the additional expense. An additional inconvenience is that my husband is now a State Representative which means we are in Topeka from Sunday to Friday and my dermatologist does not have Saturday hours.

For these reasons I urge you to pass HB 2082 and would be happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.

Thank you