## TESTIMONY OF MARGARET RIFFEL, CAA HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE PROPONENT REGARDING HB 2295 FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Chairwoman Landwehr,

I am writing you today regarding HB 2295- allowing for Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs) licensure in the state of Kansas. I am a CAA currently living in Kansas, paying taxes in Kansas, but working in Missouri because my licensure is not recognized in the state of Kansas. I have been taking care of patients in Missouri for nearly 5 years, and I implore you to allow me to bring the same highly skilled, patient-centered care to those in the state of Kansas.

Allowing CAAs to work in Kansas gives Physician Anesthesiologists a choice of provider; I ask you to give Anesthesiologists the same opportunity that other physician providers have when choosing advanced practice providers for their practice.

I truly want to stay in Kansas, start a family and raise my children in Kansas, and that cannot happen long term if I am not able to work in Kansas. I ask you to support HB 2295. Thank you for your time.

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