



**House Committee on Insurance
Testimony in Support of House Bill 2053
Presented by Kristi Brown, Sr. Director of Government Affairs**

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Kristi Brown, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2053.

The Kansas Chamber continues to support efforts to provide Kansans with the ability to access healthcare insurance options that best fits their individual needs. HB2053 is an important addition to the other bills passed last session that were necessary fully utilize changes that have been made on the federal level. Giving people the additional option of accessing short term health insurance plans that match the federal regulations will ensure that even more people have private health care options available to them. We have learned over the past decade that no one health insurance option can possible meet everyone's needs, and we ask that the committee support this additional option.

We thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB2053 and I am happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.