



February 12, 2022

Re: SB 453

Dear, Honorable Richard Hilderbrand and Members,

Skilled Nursing Facilities are facing a crisis and are in great need of an abundant, quality trained workforce, specifically Certified Nurse Aides. These compassionate individuals provide the majority of the hands on care to Short Term and Long Term patients in our Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living and Home Plus facilities in Kansas. Additionally, CNA certification is a prerequisite for Certified Medication Aides, Home Health Aides, Licensed Practical Nurses and some Registered Nursing programs in Kansas. Supporting ways to increase the CNA training pipeline is an essential part of solving workforce issues across the entire health care spectrum.

License Practical Nurses provide a significant amount of hands on care to our residents, more so than Registered Nurses and therefore are in the best position to train Certified Nurse Aides. Allowing them to provide this training in the State of Kansas is an excellent move to perpetuate stable staff in all Kansas Health Care facilities.

I fully support Senate Bill 453.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fred Hermes', is written over a horizontal blue line.

Fred Hermes

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Derby Health & Rehab – Derby
Nottingham Health & Rehab – Olathe
Avita Rolling Hills Assisted Living – Wichita
Derby Assisted Living - Derby
The Cottages Home Plus – Shawnee
The Cottages Home Plus – Garden City