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**Testimony on House Bill 2188 (Opposition written only)
House Judiciary Committee**

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Chairman Kinzer and Members of the Committee,

Who We Are

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 2188. I am Dulcinea Rakestraw, VP of Preferred Family Healthcare of Kansas and President of the Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals, the state's largest trade association devoted solely to substance use disorder treatment providers and prevention programs from across Kansas. We represent the majority of substance use disorder and prevention providers in Kansas. Some of our members are large private corporations, others are large and small not-for-profits.

KAAP members provide substance use disorder treatment and prevention services for over 20,000 Kansans statewide. We treat Medicaid consumers, DUI offenders, Senate Bill 123 offenders, problem gambling addicts, and other individuals seeking substance use disorder treatment. We are funded with federal Medicaid funds, the State General Fund, SB 123 funds, local funds, private pay insurance, and fees.

Our substance use disorder treatment programs are not exempted from House Bill 2188 because our treatment facilities, while licensed by the Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services, do not meet the bill's exemption criteria. Our members also comply with all state and federal accounting and auditing requirements to receive State and Medicaid funds.

The reporting requirements in House Bill 2188 will have a seriously detrimental impact on the extremely low cost margins of KAAP member business operations. The bill's requirement for documentation of all public expenditures on the members' website in a downloadable and searchable format would reduce the already scarce and diminishing funds available to for the treatment of consumers. Administrative expenses in this funding-strapped field would have a negative impact on our members and could force the closure of some operations.

We urge the Committee to not advance House Bill 2188.