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Representative Francis and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Adult Care Executives (KACE) is a non-partisan, non-profit professional association representing nursing home administrators and assisted living operators in Kansas. Our membership is represented in both the nonprofit and for-profit adult care sectors. We are the literal boots on the ground and are on the forefront of delivering care to our aging and senior population daily.

## Proponent of HB 2267

We thank this committee for considering the passage of HB 2267. This bill makes sense and is necessary for adult care homes who transport residents to appointments in the community. If passed, this bill would aid to streamline the process and efficiency of delivering transportation to our aging and senior population for both the adult care homes and for the state.

Daily, our industry is so heavily regulated and taxed with burdensome issues. These regulations and taxing standards take away from the delivery of actual patient care and steal the time for tedious paperwork. With the passage of HB 2267, not only would you be assisting adult care homes in becoming more efficient in the transportation of our residents to their medical support appointments, but you would also allow care providers to spend more time and resources on those they are here to serve.

<u>One recommendation is to add the classification of other healthcare organizations such as PACE</u> programs that provide transportation services for disabled and elderly Kansans to this bill. Oftentimes, adult care homes coordinate services to deliver the best care to the residents they serve, and these joint efforts could be hindered with their exclusion.

As always, we thank you for your efforts and the time to provide our updates and concerns of the industry and we look forward to the legislative efforts on these critical issues. We are here to answer any questions, and we are happy to collaborate in all efforts to support our seniors and aging population.