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Dear Chair Brenda Landwehr and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee,

I am writing in support of SB193.

I'm the Director of Support Services at Crossroads Hospice, in Lenexa, Kansas. My company also has offices in Missouri - Independence, Gladstone and Warrensburg.

**We are not able to transition Social Work licensed employees from Missouri to our Kansas office - due to the differences in licensure.**

If SB193 passes - it will help many agencies find qualified social workers (as well as other mental health providers). There are many Kansas City professionals (who are licensed in MO) who live in either Missouri or Kansas but are limited to only work in Missouri due to Kansas' reciprocity rules.

I have interviewed many qualified candidates for social work positions in our hospice agency - but we were not able to offer them a job as they were not aware of the restrictions Kansas has on other states licenses. It is frustrating when they are very qualified - and are not able to work in Kansas due to the lack of reciprocity and post-graduate supervision restrictions.

Being without qualified Social Workers - in my situation - is very stressful for the rest of my employees and impacts care provided to patients who are at the end of their lives.

Thank you for reading my statement.

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Respectively Submitted,  
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