



To: Senate Public Health and Welfare

From: Rachele Colombo, Director of Government Affairs

Date: March 12, 2019

Re: SB 194; provisions related to the uniform anatomical gift act

The Kansas Medical Society appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments regarding SB194, regarding the uniform anatomical gift act. SB 194 would amend the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act by authorizing any resident of Kansas to make an anatomical gift and to determine the conditions around such a gift.

The foundation of a robust transplant program depends upon organ donation. Kansas has been diligent in educating the public and encouraging organ donation. Donors are often compelled by a desire to help a personal friend, neighbor or their community and should see their decision to donate respected and upheld. To the extent that other parts of the nation face an organ shortage, they should increase efforts around donation, rather than re-direct the resources of communities that have cultivated a strong organ donor program.

Kansans that are willing to donate the gift of improved and continued life via organ donation should have a choice about how and where that gift is used. We respectfully request your favorable consideration of SB 194.