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**Testimony by
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Cleveland University - Kansas City
HB 2124
Senate Education Committee
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Madam Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Kansas Senate Education Committee:

My name is Julie Hein and I represent Cleveland University - Kansas City (CUKC). The University has introduced HB 2124 to technically correct one statute, and to clarify the statute with regards to the clinical education experience of students. This language is identical to SB 55, which you had a hearing on earlier in the session and passed out of committee and out of the Senate unanimously on the Consent Calendar.

HB 2124 corrects/clarifies two points of current law by:

(1) Eliminates a conflict between the existing statute K.S.A. 74-32,164, as amended in 2017, that exempts CUKC from coverage under the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Post-secondary Educational Institution Act, and K.S.A. 65-2877a, which enables the university to operate an educational clinic, but requires CUKC to be approved by the KBOR.

(2) Clarifying authority for CUKC to expand its student intern education experience through establishing or affiliating with off-campus clinical sites. This would allow the University to enhance the clinical education experience for its senior student interns and provide patient care to a more broadly diverse patient population within the Johnson and Wyandotte County communities.

Dr. Carl Cleveland, President of Cleveland University-KC has submitted written proponent testimony that I will call your attention to. Dr. Cleveland is very proud of Cleveland University-KC's long standing history and role in the community, and the positive impact Cleveland University - Kansas City has had on many students, graduates and citizens of Kansas. The university employs 140 faculty and staff and maintains a growing enrollment of 590 students.

HB 2124 eliminates the conflict between K.S.A. 74-32,164 and K.S.A. 65-2877a, and clarifies Cleveland University - KC's authority for expanding clinical teaching opportunities to include community clinics.

We respectfully request the Committee's approval of HB 2124