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Chairperson Beverly Gossage
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

RE: HB2125

Chairperson Gossage, and Members of the Committee

Thank you for allowing me to appear in strong support of HB 2125. The reasons I requested introduction of this bill are outlined in the following paragraphs.

The world of body art is filled with specialized, licensed, and talented artists from all over the United States. These talented individuals often come together and are hosted by charitable events or demonstration conventions. These events bring an increase in traffic for local businesses in and around the convention, providing a chance to reach new customers and drive sales. Unfortunately, Kansas does not currently provide the necessary guest permits required for out of state body art providers to attend and practice at these events.

This legislation aims to allow out of state body art providers to practice in Kansas temporarily with a charitable event permit and/or demonstration permit. HB 2125 also ensures that these permits and the practice of body art are provided by only safe practitioners who are licensed in the state of their practice to provide body art services.

This bill will allow communities and local providers to take advantage of the incredible opportunity that hosting talented individuals from out of state at charitable events and demonstrations can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Proctor".

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