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Testimony in Support of  
SB 211**

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Madam Chair and members of the committee:

Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today in support of SB 211. The intent of this legislation is to ease the burden on our customers, as well as, the Kansas physician and pharmacist community who serve our customers.

SB 211 would amend the Pharmacy Act to allow a pharmacist to provide up to a three month supply of a legend drug, that is not a controlled substance or a psychotherapeutic drug, when a Kansas licensed practitioner has written a prescription for a smaller supply with ample refills to fill a three month supply.

Many practitioners write prescriptions for maintenance drugs for a thirty day supply with multiple refills. This legislation would make it clear, that a Kansas resident is allowed to fill a ninety day supply when deemed appropriate by their pharmacist.

Quite simply this legislation allows a Kansas licensed pharmacist to review a Patient's drug therapy and make a professional decision for the benefit of the patient. We believe this bill will benefit our customers, but we also believe it will reduce the unnecessary administrative burden currently absorbed by the physician and pharmacist community in Kansas.

Madam Chair, thank you again for the opportunity to testify before your committee today. I respectfully request the passage of SB 211, and would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.