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Testimony re: SB 211
House Health and Human Services Committee
Presented by Ronald R. Hein
on behalf of
Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores
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Madame Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Ron Hein, and I am legislative counsel for the Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores (KACDS) which represents the 315 chain pharmacies of the total of 603 pharmacies operating in the state of Kansas. There are approximately **1,796 community pharmacists** active in the state of **Kansas**, including **1,284 chain pharmacists**. Chain pharmacies **employ** approximately **32,893** full and part-time employees.

KACDS supports SB 211, which would permit pharmacists to dispense prescriptions other than controlled substances for a 90 day prescription, as long as the prescription is written for a sufficient number of refills for a 3-month supply.

This legislation will benefit patients who will not need to travel to their pharmacy as often to get their prescriptions, and will create greater efficiency for pharmacies.

This bill passed the Senate 39-0 last session.

KACDS strongly urges this committee to pass SB 211 with the recommendation that it be passed.

Thank you very much for permitting me to submit this written testimony.