



**Written Testimony in Support of HB 2183**  
**House Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Hearing**

Good afternoon Chairman Crum and fellow committee members. My name is Kevin Flory, and I am the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Kansas State Firefighters Association. Our association represents the approximately 16,000 members of the Kansas Fire Service both paid and volunteer, firefighter and chief officer.

I am writing today to ask you to support HB 2183 in its current form. This bill will allow for first responders on all types of departments to be able to rest assured that a potential communicable disease exposure will be tested for in a timely manner to give them peace of mind. It will also provide that information to them without a delay. In today's world of emergency response, there are many threats that exist. With the ever increasing amount of medical calls run by our member departments, this would be an appreciated protection for them.

Please feel free to contact any of our board members if you would have questions of the fire service on this issue. As always, your support is appreciated by the fire service.

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