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TO: House Committee on Health and Human Services

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RE: HB 2025 – Creating the Joint Committee on KanCare Oversight

Chairman Crum and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2025 – creating the Joint Committee on KanCare Oversight. As the advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, we strive to provide a voice for all cancer survivors and their loved ones in the State of Kansas, including the nearly 14,000 that will be newly diagnosed this year. Because thousands of these Kansans rely on the Kansas Medicaid program—now KanCare—for their cancer treatment, we have a keen interest in ensuring KanCare works in the best interests of its beneficiaries.

We are generally supportive of the stated goals of KanCare: to improve overall health outcomes by providing whole-person, integrated care. We are concerned, however, there may be incentives for reducing levels of patient care or creating internal limits to healthcare access. We understand the State has worked diligently to avoid these possibilities through various provisions in its contracts with the KanCare MCOs, but we believe the Legislature also should play a key role in making sure KanCare lives up to its promises.

HB 2025 will provide a framework under which the Legislature can help to ensure KanCare works for the benefit of Kansas consumers, and we urge you to recommend it favorably for passage.