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## **Testimony**

**Date:** March 20, 2018

**To:** The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

**From:** Brandon Beck, President Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association

**RE:** HB2516

Mr. Chairman and member of the Committee, my name is Brandon Beck. I proudly serve as the President of the Kansas Emergency Medical Association (KEMSA). I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB2516.

The Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) is the professional association representing the EMS providers of Kansas and the service operators of the 174 ground and air ambulance services throughout Kansas.

Kansas EMS currently has over 10,600 certified providers in the state with 4,500 of those providers working for permitted ambulance services. Kansas EMS services respond on average to 984 calls a day that is 359,155 per year.

The EMT's and paramedics serving the citizens and guests of Kansas support the passage of HB2516 as a method of assisting us to help protect children and animals discovered in “hot cars”.

The reality is that cars in the Kansas weather can quickly have temperatures rise to 140 degrees which can quickly render a child or animal unconscious and lead to death. These tragedies have occurred in Kansas and nationally we have about 30 child fatalities a year related to these “hot car” situations.

Over half the states have now passed some type of “hot car” legislation to provide some liability protection to those who intervene in these situations.

KEMSA supports passage of HB2516 and we encourage your support of this legislation.

Brandon Beck

President, KEMSA