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Senator Schmidt and members of the Committee, my name is Kevin Walker and I am Regional Vice President of Advocacy for the American Heart Association. I am pleased to submit this testimony in support of HB 2031.

Palliative care helps patients and families face the long-term challenges and burden of advanced cardiovascular disease and stroke. We know that high-quality, evidence-based care can improve patient outcomes and care that is patient and family-centered optimizes health-related quality of life.

HB 2031 creates the palliative care and quality of life interdisciplinary advisory council as well as provide direction for KDHE to publish information beneficial to health care providers and consumers. We believe these steps are important and necessary and urge the Committee to support HB 2031 and recommend it favorably for passage.

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