



To: Chairwoman Concannon, Members, House Children and Seniors Committee
From: Rachel Monger, Vice President of Government Affairs
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Testimony in Support of House Bill 2404

Thank you, Chairwoman Concannon, and Members of the Committee. I am Rachel Monger, Vice President of Government Affairs for LeadingAge Kansas, the state association for not-for-profit and faith-based aging services. We have 160 member organizations across Kansas, which include not-for-profit nursing homes, retirement communities, hospital long-term care units, assisted living, homes plus, senior housing, low-income housing, home health agencies, home and community based service programs, PACE and Meals on Wheels. Our members serve more than 25,000 older Kansans each day, and employ more than 20,000 people across the state.

We are very much in support of House Bill 2404, and the creation of a senior services task force. Senior issues are of extreme importance in this state, and so many of them are complex. We have never had an opportunity to explore these issues in-depth, or in any official manner. It is long overdue, and we look forward to working with the group to promote the best quality of care and best quality of life for older Kansans.