

*Dear Johnson County Representatives and Senators,*

*We are a group of health care professionals who serve on the front lines of your hospitals and health care centers across the region. We have spent our lives dedicated to providing the best care for our communities. We need your help now.*

*While violence against those serving in our line of work is not new, it is on the rise, and we call on you to please support us at a time when our industry needs you most.*

*According to the U.S. Department of Labor statistics, individuals working in health care are five times more likely to experience workplace violence than workers in all other industries.*

*The Kansas Hospital Association has been asking for additional protections for our health care workers for years, and now is the time to get this across the finish line. We ask simply for two things:*

- 1. Increase penalties for the assault and battery of our state's health care workers to be on par with other state first responders, such as fire, EMS and those working in our state mental hospitals.*
- 2. Create the added crime of interference with health care services, modeled off of the interference statutes currently in place for EMS and those places of public conduct such as the very statehouse that you serve in.*

*These are common sense solutions that many other state legislatures have already adopted including:*

*Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma. Additionally, Georgia and Florida recently passed legislation to address these matters during their legislative session as well.*

*This year, the Kansas House of Representatives passed House Bill 2023, on a vote of 118-4. Last year, the Senate passed the same language during the 2022 session.*

*However, this year, the Senate chamber has not yet addressed this matter. We have a workforce shortage in health care, and it's taking a toll on our industry. Now is the time to support the people that care for your families and for your constituents. Stand with us and pass the provisions to protect our states' health care workers.*

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