

# KANSAS MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

An Organization Dedicated to Improving the Lives of Kansans with Mental Illnesses

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HB 2368

*Amy A. Campbell – February 25, 2013*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for HB 2368 on behalf of the Kansas Mental Health Coalition.

The integration of mental health and substance abuse programs and services in Kansas is another step toward improving care for Kansans who face mental illness and the sometimes co-occurring problems of substance abuse.

The Kansas Mental Health Coalition is dedicated to improving the lives of Kansans living with Mental Illnesses and Severe Emotional Disorders. We are consumer and family advocates, provider associations, direct services providers, pharmaceutical companies and others who share a common mission. At monthly roundtable meetings, participants develop and track a consensus agenda that provides the basis for legislative advocacy efforts each year. This format enables many groups, that would otherwise be unable to participate in the policy making process, to have a voice in public policy matters that directly affect the lives of their constituencies. The opportunity for dialogue and the development of consensus makes all of us stronger and more effective in achieving our mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

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