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**To:** House Committee on Government Efficiency  
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**From:** Debra Billingsley, Executive Secretary  
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**Date:** February 15, 2012

**Subject:** HB 2726 An Act Concerning Credit Cards relating to fees and surcharges charged by the state

The Kansas Board of Pharmacy ("Board") appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2726. The Board presently licenses or registers 16,000 health care professionals or businesses. The mission of the Board is to safeguard the public and to promote education and understanding of pharmacy related practices.

HB 2726 amends K.S.A. 79-2973 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 75-30,100 related to an agency collecting surcharges on an applicant, licensee, or registrant who elects to use a credit card in lieu of payment by cash, check or similar means. The Board currently collects over 90 percent of their renewals via Internet through Kansas.gov. The majority of the renewals are paid via credit card. Kansas.gov collects a fee whether it is an ACH or a credit card on top of the fee for our renewal. The processing fee is based on the amount of the renewal. This bill will significantly reduce the Board's fees and would have a negative impact on our budget. It will also impact the amount of money collected that goes into the SGF.

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Our agency was not given an opportunity to respond to a fiscal note on this bill. Our budget has already been submitted and the revenue projections were based on the current fee structure. Therefore, the Board of Pharmacy respectfully requests that the Committee reconsider passage of this bill out of Committee.

Thank you for permitting me to provide testimony.