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TO: Representative Kinzer and Members of the House
Judiciary Committee

FROM: Trudy Aron, Executive Director

RE: Opposition to HB 2188

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Good afternoon Chair Kinzer and members of the Committee. Thank you for allowing the American Institute of Architects to provide this testimony in opposition to HB 2188.

AIA Kansas is a statewide association of architects and intern architects. Most of our 680 members work in over 100 private practice architectural firms designing a variety of project types for both public and private clients. Our members are designing tomorrow's buildings today, aiming to meet the "triple bottom line" by designing buildings that are affordable, protect the health and safety of the building occupants, and that respect our environment.

HB 2188 requires all not-for-profit organizations to open their records for any government funds in excess of \$350. Of our 700 members, some are employed by cities, counties, school districts, and universities. We offer professional development programs for our members; again, these may be paid for by the employer of the member. And, we sell construction contract documents, used throughout the design and construction industry to governmental entities as well as the public.

AIA Kansas is a two person office. It would be impossible for us to segregate these funds and put them on our website; it would be too labor intensive. According to HB 2188, we would then be required to post our entire financial reports. This would include proprietary information as in fees and honorariums paid to speakers, consultant cost such as accounting and information technology, and any other income and expenses received or expended by our association.

We make available our federal income tax report, 990, to anyone who requests it. We see no public need for more than this. The information you seek is available from the public entity and that is where we believe it should remain.

We urge you to oppose this bill and the impact it would have on our association and many other not-for-profit organizations. Thank you.

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