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To: Mike Murray

Subject: SUB HOUSE BILL No 2024 – An Act enacting the Kansas roofing contractor registration act

My name is Kevin Rathert and I am an owner of an insurance agency founded in Wichita, Kansas in 1994. In Kansas, losses are sustained to our customers' homes often due to damage from wind and hail. It is of the utmost importance to match our customers with the most reliable roofing contractors. Through this experience I believe my testimony is warranted in regard to this proposed Sub House Bill No. 2024.

Sub House Bill No. 2024 is intended to supplement the Kansas consumer protection act. The goal of this act is to protect Kansas consumers from those who commit deceptive and unconscionable business practices. Too many times these deceptive practices violate Kansas consumers and many violations are commonly due to unethical roofing contractors who travel into Kansas from other states seeking their next victims.

Sub House Bill No. 2024 is designed to properly register each roofing contractor wishing to complete work in Kansas. The bill will assure that the correct information is on file for each roofing contractor. It also requires a truthful disclosure of any convictions and can be used to complete a criminal history check. The act requires that proper insurance be maintained, state filings are complete, tax information is current, and will note whether a license was ever revoked in another state for any reason. Sub House Bill No. 2024 would also provide for the creation of a database of registered roofing contractors. It would be a useful tool for consumers to be able to verify whether a roofing contractor is properly registered to engage in roofing work in Kansas.

I am submitting this testimony to you in support of passing Sub House Bill No. 2024 – An Act enacting the Kansas roofing contractor registration act. I ask that you give your support of this bill to help protect the Kansas consumer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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