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**TESTIMONY OF
ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF KANSAS
BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
SB 333**

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By Eric Stafford, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc.

Madam Chairman, Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford. I am Associate Government Affairs Director for the Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc. The AGC of Kansas is a trade association representing the commercial building construction industry, including general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers throughout Kansas (with the exception of Johnson and Wyandotte counties).

AGC of Kansas supports Senate Bill 333 as written and respectfully asks that you report it favorably for passage.

AGC fully supports the concept of a “fairness in construction bill for the public sector,” just as it supported the final version of SB 33 which was a very similar bill pertaining to the private sector that was passed into law two years ago.

AGC of Kansas has worked with the American Subcontractors Association, AIA, public owners, The Builders Association and its own general contractor and subcontractor members to come up with language that makes SB 333 a bill that is fair for all parties involved. This bill is very similar to the bill that was passed out of this committee last session and includes several amendments that were made in committee to satisfy concerns expressed by public owners.

Timely payment from public owners is a major concern for all levels of our industry. AGC feels that public entities should be asked to meet the same standards the legislature overwhelming set for the private sector with SB 33 two years ago.

The AGC of Kansas **respectfully requests that you recommend SB 333 for passage.** Thank you for your consideration.