



**House Committee on Education
Testimony in Support of House Bill 2183
Presented by Kristi Brown, Sr. Director of Government Affairs**

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Kristi Brown, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2183.

The Kansas Chamber is supportive of efforts to improve the quality of education through increasing access to classes and curriculum that addresses the demands of an ever-changing business environment. The need for highly trained talent for our technology companies in Kansas is an on-going challenge and one that we believe this state can begin to address by increasing classes and credits for computer science classes.

An important component of our legislative agenda this year is to support primary and secondary education standards that focus on college and career readiness. It is also important that we do everything we can to support a curriculum that not only prepares our students for their future, but also encourages them to stay in Kansas to work and raise their own families here. We believe this legislation supports the pursuit of educating our students to meet the demands of a 21st Century economy and workforce.

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Chamber to provide testimony and express support of House Bill 2183.