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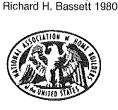
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STATEMENT OF KANSAS BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

TO THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

SENATOR JAY EMLER, CHAIR

REGARDING H.B. 2036

FEBRUARY 14, 2007

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, I am Chris Wilson,
Executive Director of the Kansas Building Industry Association (KBIA). KBIA
is the statewide trade association of the home building industry, with
approximately 2500 member companies.

Thank you for the opportunity to support H.B. 2036, regarding thermal efficiency disclosure for new home buyers. H.B. 2036 passed the House 117-7. This bill addresses the same topic as S.B. 120. Several members of the House of Representatives met with representatives of our industry and other housing-related associations over a two-week period to develop the language in the House-passed bill. It was a strong bi-partisan effort, with the goal of providing the best information possible to the consumer, that would be accurate, and with the best possible timing for the consumer to make informed decisions.

In H.B. 2036, the House chose to modify the energy efficiency disclosure form, along the lines recommended by the Kansas Energy Council, by including a



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KBIA strongly supports H.B. 2036 in its current form and respectfully asks that you report H.B. 2036 favorable for passage.



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