

Monday, March 18, 2024

**SB 546, Opposition, Written-only Testimony, Tavish Hall on behalf of Harper Industries, Inc.**

Dear Senate Tax Committee Members,

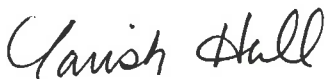
I am writing to express my strong opposition to Kansas Senate Bill 546, which has recently been proposed. Harper Industries was formed in 1998. Through the PEAK program, HPIP, and KIT/KIR programs, we have been able to expand our workforce from 50 employees in 1998 to over 160 today. We have utilized the PEAK program during times of growth – through acquisition and new company start up. We have been able to expand not only our workforce in a rural area, but also expand and improve our facilities. We have utilized the HPIP program since our company was founded in 1998.

Kansas Senate Bill 546, from my understanding, proposes terminating the PEAK and HPIP programs. These measures, if enacted, could have far-reaching consequences that would be detrimental to many employers; especially those in rural Kansas.

As a constituent, I urge you to consider the broader implications of Senate Bill 546 and to vote against its passage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your leadership in opposing Senate Bill 546 and advocating for policies that truly serve the best interests of all Kansans.

Sincerely,




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