



TO: Senator Jeff Longbine, Chairperson
and Members of the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

FROM: Martha Smith, Executive Director
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RE: SB 34 Expanding the use and availability of rural housing incentive districts

Chairman Longbine and Members of the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, my name is Martha Smith and I am the Executive Director of the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association (KMHA). KMHA is a statewide trade association representing all facets of the manufactured and modular housing industries (manufacturers, retail centers, manufactured home community owners and operators, service and supplier companies, finance and insurance companies and transport companies) and I appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 34, Expanding the use and availability of rural housing incentive districts.

SB 34 expands the Kansas Rural Housing Incentive District option to cities with a population of 60,000 or more. The proposal includes safeguards such as, specifics on the number of units for sale and number of units for rent. We know there is still the need for financing or an incentive to invest in housing, and KMHA feels that SB 34 provides an additional tools to help bridge that gap, to make an investment in housing in Kansas.

As a provider of unsubsidized affordable housing, the members of Kansas Manufactured Housing Association support efforts to create additional tools to develop housing across the state. KMHA would respectfully ask for your support for SB 34 and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments.