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Testimony In Support of House Bill 2308  
Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council  
House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee  
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Chairman Tarwater and Members of House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill 2308.

The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council strongly supports efforts to attract industry, jobs and economic growth for the State of Kansas and respectfully urges the Committee to do so as well.

House Bill 2308 will create another tool to give Kansas a vital, competitive edge to recruit transportation manufacturers, while maintaining strict eligibility requirements, including meaningful clawbacks, and only awarding benefits AFTER companies create jobs and make investments.

The AIM-K program to incentivize transportation manufacturing and assembly in Kansas and the proposed minimum capital investment of \$250 million for operations will not only create high wage jobs but also provide critical investment in the state's manufacturing infrastructure.

Moreover, the Kansas First provision within the AIM-K program that encourages qualified companies to source goods from unaffiliated Kansas-based businesses reinforces the state's commitment to strengthening Kansas businesses while boosting local business growth.

Finally, along with the incentives contained in the legislation there are meaningful safeguards to protect taxpayers in the event that any business that has received incentives fails to uphold its end of the agreement with the state.

House Bill 2308 is another tool in the toolbox and represents smart, fiscally responsible incentives to build upon the momentum Kansas has experienced to become globally competitive for high-skilled, good paying jobs.

Again, The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council supports House Bill 2308 to attract jobs and economic growth for the State of Kansas. We urge the committee's support of this legislation

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

  
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