



**FARMERS**

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**February 9, 2012**

**To: Representative Anthony Brown, Chairman  
House Commerce & Economic Development Committee**

**From: Lee Wright, Government & Industry Affairs Manager**

**Re: Written Testimony on House Bill 2554 – Roofing Registration Act**

**Position: Support**

**Chairman Brown and members of the Committee, my name is Lee Wright and I represent Farmers Insurance. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2554.**

**Farmers Insurance has been doing business in Kansas since 1930. We are a major insurer of homeowners in the state. We are also the largest insurance employer with over 3,200 employees working in Kansas.**

**In 2011, we paid a total of 7743 wind and hail claims to homeowners. Approximately 90% of those claims included roof repair or replacement.**

**We believe HB 2554 will provide increased consumer protection to the residents of our state. It should help prevent Kansans from being taken advantage of by certain “fly-by-night” residential contractors in times when consumers may be most vulnerable - after suffering property damage from a severe wind or hail storm.**

**While it is understood most residential contractors are reputable and honest business persons, there is a need to protect consumers from those firms that do not have ties to the community and usually move on after taking advantage of unsuspecting consumers.**

**We urge your support of HB 2554.**

**Thank you.**

