



January 30, 2012

Kansas State Capitol Building
10th and Jackson
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: House Bill 2501 and Senate Bill 317.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The mission of the Chanute Area Chamber of Commerce & Office of Tourism is to support the businesses of our community. One of our main functions centers around economic development efforts to attract new businesses to our community and southeast Kansas for the benefit of not only our region, but for the benefit of the state of Kansas.

Based on the information we have received to the date of this letter and our interpretation of House Bill 2501 and Senate Bill 317, we would be an advocate for the successful passage of these stated bills. If the intent of House Bill 2501 and Senate Bill 317 is to protect Kansas businesses and allow us to attract and retain Kansas businesses for the benefit of Chanute, Neosho County, southeast Kansas and Kansas as one, then we would support those changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ROSS T. HENDRICKSON
President
Board of Directors