



STEVE SLOAN
PRESIDENT

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The Honorable Richard Carlson
Chairman, House Taxation Committee

Dear Chairman Carlson,

My name is Steve Sloan. I am President of Midwest Minerals, Inc. We are a quarry and ready mixed concrete operation located in Pittsburg, Kansas with sites throughout the six most Southeastern Kansas counties.

I write today to express strong opposition to House Bill 2747. Specifically how it relates to reduced funding for KDOT. Last year KDOT was stripped of 200 million dollars and the immediate reduction in 2747 would reduce funding for KDOT 350 million dollars in FY 14 and FY 15. I have absolutely no faith that this money will ever be restored. This opinion is based on past promises to repay KDOT that have not even taken place. That said, my primary opposition to the bill is that by cutting KDOT funding now our state loses jobs, many of our roads and bridges remain unsafe for the traveling public, and we will not be taking advantage of very favorable bid prices in the near term.

Mr. Chairman, I urge you and the House Taxation Committee to oppose HB 2747 as written. This bill breaks a commitment to Kansas citizens that T-Works will be funded in full and on time.

Sincerely,

MIDWEST MINERALS, INC.

Steve Sloan