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Senator Wagle and members of the Senate Commerce committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you in support of SB318 and the benefits this bill provides.

SB318 is one which encourages what we have all been saying Kansas needs - more jobs for Kansans to help create a stronger economy. In the past, we in the House have passed a bill with this wording. "It shall be the intent of this act to foster economic development and the creation of new jobs and opportunities for the citizens of Kansas." I can think of no better way to describe this bill.

It seems only fair that if we are to use taxpayer dollars to bring businesses to Kansas and encourage the ones already here, those taxpayers should see their money being used to hire Kansans and help their economy.

There is no doubt Kansas has the workers needed. According to Quick Facts "Kansas has one of the most educated and skilled labor pools in the nation", and I think we all would like to see them have the opportunity to do the work they are trained for. In the event that there is not the expertise needed for a specific job, there are provisions under which a contractor may receive an exemption.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Rep. Annie Tietze

Senate Commerce Committee
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