

February 16th, 2012

Chairman Owens and Committee Members:

Good morning! My name is Tom Holland and I am the State Senator for the Kansas Senate 3rd District serving portions of Douglas and Leavenworth counties and all of Jefferson County. I am here today to ask for your support of Senate Bill 396.

We've all have heard of the old saying "Good fences make for good neighbors". I would like to suggest that the same can be said for party walls. Allow me to briefly explain. I was contacted this past fall by a constituent regarding an issue he is having concerning damages that have occurred to his building as a result of an adjacent owner's negligence in not properly supporting a shared party wall. The legislation before you is our attempt to equitably address this situation.

I very much thank the committee for its time and attention in hearing this bill and ask the committee for support of SB 396.

Sincerely,

Tom Holland  
State Senator – 3rd District