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Representative Marvin Kleeb
Commerce, Labor & Economic Development Chairman
State Capitol Room 286-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: HB 2084

Dear Chairman Kleeb and Committee Members:

I am the Director of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, located in St. Francis, Kansas. This organization serves the communities of Bird City, Wheeler, and St. Francis.

Our youth are our future and need to be trained in the technical trades, which are the backbone of our communities. Without plumbers, electricians, building contractors, and others, our communities would suffer greatly. As our populations age, those in the trades retire, and the need for skilled labor increases.

In order to further aid the smaller communities in Kansas, I encourage you to pass the amendments regarding youth apprenticeship and technical training to House Bill No. 2084.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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