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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee.

On behalf of the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1,700 members, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2069.

The Wichita Chamber stands in strong support of job creation and a statewide regulatory environment that allows Kansas to compete at the highest level in the worldwide battle for jobs and the creation of wealth. It is our belief that an easy to understand and not overly burdensome regulatory environment is a key to retaining and attracting employers within Kansas.

We believe that it is in the best interest of public policy and job creation efforts that decisions on compensation, paid leave and other areas regarding employment agreements be decided at the state level. A patchwork of local employment regulations across the state makes Kansas's regulatory environment confusing and unattractive to the job creators we are all working to attract or retain.

HB 2069 addresses this concern and ensures a more competitive and attractive business environment. Therefore, we urge you to report HB 2069 favorable for passage.

Thank you.

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