BRAD SMOOT

ATTORNEY AT LAW

800 SW JACKSON, SUITE 808 TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612 (785) 233-0016 (785) 234-3687 (fax) bradsmoot@smootlawoffice.com

10200 STATE LINE ROAD **SUITE 230** LEAWOOD, KANSAS 66206

January 31, 2013

Representative Clark Shultz Chairman, House Insurance Committee State Capital Building 300 SW 10th Ave. Room: 521-E Topeka, KS 66612

Subject: 2013 House Bill 2007 – written only

Mr. Chairman and members:

On behalf of the American Insurance Association, I am pleased to offer our support for HB 2007, the insurance holding company act. AIA's 300 member companies write all lines of property and casualty insurance, including general liability, business, workers compensation, medical malpractice, homeowners and auto in Kansas and across the nation. As a result, our members have a keen interest in quality state insurance regulation.

AIA is pleased to endorse HB 2007 for passage by the 2013 Kansas Legislature. The bill has been developed and vetted with the insurance industry over the last two years. Our concerns about previous changes from the NAIC model have been alleviated by a return to the model language and we very much appreciate the Insurance Department's willingness to make those minor modifications.

It is important to our member companies that Kansas maintain its NAIC accreditation and passage of HB 2007 will help ensure that it will.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the Committee.

Sincerely,

Brad Smoot

Legislative Counsel

American Insurance Association