

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce

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Senator Lynn & members of the Committee

My name is John Daly and I am the Vice-President of Kaw Roofing & Sheet Metal in Kansas City, Kansas. I am here to testify in favor of the Kansas Roofing Registration Act, Substitute HB 2024.

While currently celebrating our 90th year in the roofing business, my 2 brothers and I represent the 3rd generation of contracting in the state of Kansas. As my grandfather started our business in 1923, he encountered many challenges, most all of them were handled with hard work and a handshake. Over 30 years ago he commented to me that he was not as proud to turn over his business to his grandchildren knowing the current day obstacles of burdensome taxes, OSHA, DOT, and many other regulations that can strangle a business of any size.

My brothers and I have been past Presidents of the National and Midwest Roofing Contractors Associations. Grandpa Tom told us that we cannot take anymore from an industry than we can give back. Therefore, somewhat ironically, I stand before you and ask for your support for a new regulation. I simply ask that you consider HB 2024 a way of creating a level playing field for your constituents. If there is a burden in this Bill, it is only on those who seek to deceive our current laws which appear to be difficult to enforce at best. This Bill truly benefits everyone in the state of Kansas. Consumers are not deceived into signing contracts with scrupulous out of town storm chasers. Distributors are not left out in the cold when contractors bring materials in from out of state. Contractors who pay taxes everyday will not be deprived of contracting with their own neighbors and most importantly, the state of Kansas at the very least has a vehicle to better the enforcement of current laws.

I sincerely request your support for HB2024 with the idea that this is not just another burdensome regulation; rather it is a necessary tool to protect your entire constituency by better enforcing current laws and collecting legitimate taxes due to our great state of Kansas.

In conclusion, I would also ask that you consider the fact that surrounding states have recognized such legislation for the same reasons I have discussed. This Bill will help us help each other. I recognize your time is valuable and would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor of HB 2024.

Sincerely,

John Daly