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Senator Lynn and members of the Commerce Committee, my name is Dan Hafley. I am the Commercial Sales Manager for Roofing Supply Group – Kansas City. I am the current Vice President and founding member of the Kansas Roofing Association. Roofing has been my vocation and career since 1978.

I would like to testify in favor of Substitute HB 2024.

At several of our KRA meetings we discussed the issues that have happened across the state of Kansas when hail storms hit our communities. In Wichita there have been several reports of out-of-state contractors conducting scams. Some involved money being paid in advance without the work started or completed and others with leaking roofs with no recourse. It is not uncommon to have “storm chasing” contractors come in from other states. My concern is that they do not have the Workers Compensation Insurance or any Liability Insurance. Another concern is that they never file with the state to pay local taxes in Kansas.

We also have a concern regarding roofing contractors that come to Kansas to build the “Big Box” stores. These contractors follow that type of work and rarely register to pay their taxes and to ensure that they pay the proper work comp rate in our state. Surrounding states have passed similar bills to Sub. HB 2024. Sub. HB 2024 would aid the State of Kansas by establishing a way of administering out-of-state contractors. This would help protect homeowners, business owners and the State of Kansas from this type of business practice.

Sub. HB 2024 is about protecting Kansans and to ensure that the state of Kansas has the means to have an avenue for collection of taxes from out-of-state contractors. Sub. HB 2024 will go a long way to enhance the image of the professional roofer and to provide protection to Kansans and the State of Kansas.

I urge the Committee to pass Sub. HB 2024.

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