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**To: Senator Julia Lynn, Chairperson
Senate Commerce Committee**

From: Lee Wright, Government & Industry Affairs Manager

**Re: Written Testimony on Substitute for House Bill 2024 – Roofing
Registration Act**

Position: Support

Chairperson Lynn and members of the Committee, my name is Lee Wright and I represent Farmers Insurance. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Substitute for HB 2024.

Farmers Insurance has been doing business in Kansas since 1930. We are a major insurer of homeowners in the state. We are also the largest insurance employer with over 3,000 Farmers employees working in Kansas.

In 2012, we paid a total of 4800 wind and hail claims to homeowners. Approximately 90% of those claims included roof repair or replacement.

We believe Sub. for HB 2024 will provide increased consumer protection to the residents of our state. It should help prevent Kansans from being taken advantage of by certain “fly-by-night” residential contractors in times when consumers may be most vulnerable - after suffering property damage from a severe wind or hail storm.

While it is understood most residential contractors are reputable and honest business persons, there is a need to protect consumers from those firms that do not have ties to the community and usually move on after taking advantage of unsuspecting consumers.

We urge your support of Substitute for HB 2024.

Thank you.