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TO: Senator Ostmeyer and Members of the Senate Federal and State
Affairs Committee

FROM: Robert Fincham, AIA

RE: Support for SB 54

Good Morning Senator Ostmeyer and Members of the Committee. I am Robert Fincham, an architect and representative of the American Institute of Architects in Kansas. I am here to testify in support of SB 54, that proposes amendments to the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions.

AIA Kansas is a statewide association of architects and intern architects. Most of our 680 members work in over 100 private practice architectural firms designing a variety of project types for both public and private clients. Our members are designing tomorrow's buildings today, aiming to meet the "triple bottom line" by designing buildings that are affordable, protect the health and safety of the building occupants, and that respect our environment.

SB 54 is the result of several years work between the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions and representatives of the professions that it regulates, including architecture.. It has been twenty years since the statutes have been substantially changed and they are in much need of updating.

AIA Kansas' representatives have participated in all the meetings leading up to this bill, and we strongly believe that it provides the much needed updates and clarifications to the statutes. We are in complete agreement with this bill.

We ask that you vote SB 54 favorable for passage.

I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.