

**Testimony to the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

My name is Kurt Steinkuhler. I am the president and owner of George Groh & Sons, Inc. A roofing and sheet metal contractor in Emporia, Kansas and the surrounding area. I am also the current Chairman of the Board and founding member of the Kansas Roofing Association.

I would like to testify in favor of House No. 2254

In the last two years we have seen the Roof Registration act in Kansas work to help prevent "Storm-Chasing contractors from preying on our citizens. I am glad to inform you that the act seems to be working well and is a valuable tool for the Attorney General to chase and prosecute these unlawful groups.

However we have seen in some areas of Kansas that some municipalities are requiring Building Contractors that are building commercial building and residential buildings, to register as Roofing Contractors with the State of Kansas.

I do not believe that it was ever the intent of the State to have Building Contractors who are not engaging in the business roofing every day to be registered to build a building and to put a roof on their own projects, as a part of the project.

The Kansas Roofing Association is not opposed to this change and would support Building Contractors to be able to roof the buildings that they are constructing, as part of the overall construction of the building. However if a Building Contractor is acting as a Roofing Contractor then they would need to register.

Our membership would like to see however the deletion on line 22 of the use of contract laborer. We feel that this is covered in the term day laborer and that some may use the term, contract labor to their advantage in ways that are not intended.

I strongly urge the committee to pass this important legislation.

Kurt Steinkuhler