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House Judiciary Committee

Chairman, John Barker,

Written Testimony of the Kansas Business Coalition on Immigration

Re: Neutral to HB 2466

Good Afternoon Representative Barker and Members of the Committee

Eight years ago, the Kansas Business Coalition on Immigration was formed to share information on immigration issues facing Kansas communities, businesses, and workers. The Coalition is comprised of over twenty business entities that believe immigration issues are federal issues that must be addressed by the Congress and not the Kansas legislature.

Though we remain neutral to HB 2466, our experience tells us that this type of legislation, regardless of how benign it may seem, will become the vehicle for much larger issues on immigration. Immigration policy is complex, and contains hundreds of sub issues that if implemented become problematic for businesses and communities. Taxpayers cannot afford all of the “enforcement” that some would propose.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Kansas Cooperative Council	Farm Bureau
SHRM	Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Kansas Agri-Business Retailers Association	Signature Landscape
The Kansas Chamber	Travel Industry Association of Kansas
Kansas City Power and Light	