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TO: HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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RE: HB 2177

DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Mister Chairman, members of the committee: Thank you for the opportunity to appear today. My name is Patrick Goeke, and I am here on behalf of ACEC Kansas to speak in support of HB 2177. ACEC Kansas is the trade association representing private consulting engineering businesses in Kansas.

Current state regulations and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) have combined with private industry to develop mechanisms for private industry to clean up soil and groundwater impacted by industrial and chemical operations.

Unfortunately, there are soil and groundwater conditions in the state where cleanup of the soil and groundwater to minimum federal target levels is not economically feasible. In these cases, a Risk Based Corrective Action (RBCA) approach is used to address the remaining impacts. HB 2177 will allow the KDHE Director additional latitude to use site specific factors in developing appropriate RBCA cleanup target levels. This bill will allow the Director to evaluate additional information when working with the responsible parties and consultants to restore the soil and groundwater to acceptable conditions at appropriate sites, while remaining protective of human health and the environment. Allowing the Director this latitude for appropriate sites provides technical and federally accepted tools to state regulators working with industry, while not creating an undue economic burden on industry. I recommend passage of HB 2177.

Thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.