

**Testimony to the Senate Commerce Committee
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Chairman and members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

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 surrounding areas. 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 HB 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 of roofing every day to be registered with the state as a roofing contractor to build a building and to put a roof on their own projects, as part of the overall 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 with the state of Kansas.

The Kansas Roofing Association approves the bill as amended and I strongly urge the committee to pass this important legislation.

Thank You

Kurt Steinkuhler