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Senate Commerce Committee Supporting HB 2254 Associated General Contractors of Kansas March 9, 2015

Madam Chair and members of the committee I am Mike Gibson, representing Associated General Contractors of Kansas. AGC represents over 250 Kansas construction firms and their 8,000 employees and is recognized as the "Chamber of Commerce for the Construction Industry." We would encourage you to support HB 2254.

HB 2254 creates an exemption in the Kansas Roofers Registration Act for a general contractor. There are several conditions, which must first be met to apply to the Attorney General's office to receive an exemption.

First, the general contractor must meet all other business requirements to do work in Kansas. Second, if the general contractor does conduct the roofing work, the work cannot be more than 50% of the total project costs. Third, the general contractor does not engage in "door-to-door" sales. Fourth, the general contractor does not perform the work and hires, through a contract the work.

The Kansas Roofers Registration Act was passed to bring clarity to a business practice that had the potential of harming Kansans while they were in a time of need following a storm. Using the criteria in HB 2254, the Kansas consumer remains protected, while at the same time, our general contracting industry does not have to comply with a duplicative regulatory requirement.

The Associated General Contractors of Kansas appreciates this committees willingness to consider this issue and will stand for any questions when the time is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Mike Gibson

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