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The Honorable Julia Lynn, Chairperson
Senate Commerce Committee
Statehouse, Room 548-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: Testimony of Jeremy Hendrickson in Opposition to Senate Bill 212

Dear Chairperson Lynn and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jeremy Hendrickson and I am the Business Manager/Secretary for the Laborers' International Union of North America Local Union 1290PE. I am writing to urge you not to pass Senate Bill 212. Our employee organization represents thousands of hard working Kansas you have devoted their lives to public service. In collecting money from members, we work with employers so that employees do not have to take any time away from their families to help contribute to the work of our organization. Under Kansas law, our dues cannot be used for political purposes. Instead, our dues are used to help fund our organization to provide support to our members and contribute to a number of charity organizations. Each year our organization provides assistance to community groups, and members who are in need. All of this is accomplished through the current dues deduction system.

I should also mention that our organization pays a service fee to the employers to defer any costs associated with the payroll deduction. Our members have the ability to stop those deductions on their own, but that is rare, because our members recognize the importance of our organization as a voice for working families. We do not believe there is any need to change the current way dues are deducted. I ask that the Committee not pass Senate Bill 212.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Hendrickson
Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer