

February 8, 2016

Senate Commerce Committee
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Senate Bill 365
Contaminated Property Redevelopment Act**

I have worked in the environmental field in the State of Kansas for more than 24 years as both a regulator and as an environmental consultant. I am a proponent of the above-referenced legislation. Kansas includes properties that are in an indeterminate state because potential buyers and developers perceive a liability for existing environmental contamination. I am aware of at least two properties in the State which have been vacant for a number of years that could benefit from a proposed Certificate of Environmental Liability Release (CELR). Many buyers are uneasy about their role and their liability for cleanup of existing contamination. The CELR document would provide uneasy buyers and developers with agency-issued assurance that they would not be liable for existing environmental impacts, particularly those potential buyers and developers without strong legal counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Travis Kogl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Travis" and last name "Kogl" clearly distinguishable.

Travis Kogl, PG