



KANSAS ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
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**HOUSE BILL 2155
REMARKS OF CAPTAIN MARCI D. SOLANDER
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today.

I'd like to begin by noting how grateful we are for the support our department, and specifically the National Guard, receives from our elected officials; our local, state and federal partners; our civilian employer partners; and, from the families of our employees and Guard members. We know we could not do what we do without this. For this committee especially, we are grateful for your support and the important work that you do every day.

The Kansas National Guard holds very dear the relationships we share with our civilian employers in the state. Put very simply, we readily acknowledge that our Citizen Soldiers could not defend and protect us at home and abroad without the continued promise of meaningful civilian employment for themselves and their families. A strong partnership between employers, service members and their families is an integral part of the fabric of the Kansas National Guard.

With regard to House Bill 2155, we believe this measure can serve to enhance the relationships between employers and service members employed in Kansas. The Kansas Adjutant General's Department would like to lend our support to this bill as currently written.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration of these recommendations. I stand ready for your questions.

Respectfully submitted by:

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