



February 16, 2018

Re: Kansas Fire Sprinkler Act HB 2741

Dear Chairman Mason and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joseph Samia and I am the owner of Central Consolidated, Inc. located at 3435 W Harry in Wichita Kansas. Central works state wide and have offices in Wichita, Coffeyville, and Garden City.

Thank you for your time as you review HB 2741. Due to time constraints I regrettably cannot attend the session and testify in person. As a legitimate business owner and Fire Sprinkler Contractor in Kansas I am in staunch support of this bill.

Fire Sprinkler Systems are life safety systems that are designed to save lives and property. There should be a minimum level of experience to design, test, maintain, and install these systems. It has been my experience that a lot of out of state contractors travel in and install or service sprinkler systems that are not compliant with the codes. This not only is bad for the owners and occupants of these businesses but bad for Fire Sprinkler Companies like mine who do the right thing. Furthermore, many of these companies do not register with the state which cheats the state out of much needed revenue.

I would really appreciate your support on this house bill and trust that the vote will be in favor of this bill.

Thank you for your commitment and service to the state of Kansas.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joseph Samia'.

Joseph Samia, PE

President

Central Consolidated, Inc.