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TESTIMONY
In Support of
House Bill 2741 Before the
Commerce, Labor & Economic Development Committee

By Ryan W. Mooney, Black Water Fire Protection LLC.
Small Veteran Owned Business
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Thank you, Chairman Mason and Members of the Committee,

As a veteran and owner of a small business in Kansas, I am in support of HB2741. I have been a Fire Sprinkler Fitter for almost 20 years. It's been a dream of mine to own and operate a fire sprinkler company in a field I love because we save lives and property.

During my time in the field as a sprinkler fitter there were numerous occasions I have had to follow up behind out of state contractors to fix and repair shoddy work. A lot of times this work is done after hours at a premium so that business can continue to operate. The customer is never happy about paying for someone to come back and fix what should have been done right the first time. HB2741 will help save business owners from spending money on service and maintenance fees they should have never incurred.

As a Kansas business owner, I feel it is important to have some basic amount of knowledge and experience to operate a fire sprinkler business or install a fire sprinkler system. As a sprinkler fitter and now owner I have always done the right thing. Every day I compete with contractors who come into the state that many times don't have state business licenses and use unqualified help. It is important we have safeguards in place to protect businesses like mine and the many businesses that get taken advantage of everyday from these bad contractors.

Thank you for your time to hear this bill and please support HB2741.

Respectfully Submitted,

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