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Chairman Barker, and Members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Building Industry Association (KBIA) in support of HCR 5003. KBIA is an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) with eight local building associations and more than 2,000 members across the State of Kansas.

NAHB and the residential home building industry have been at the forefront of federal regulatory issues for decades now. While endangered species concerns and Waters of the US regulations have dominated headlines in Kansas, they are far from the only regulatory concern faced by the construction industry. Increased, and often inconsistent, enforcement of OSHA jobsite regulations, lead based paint requirements, and mortgage finance standards have a significant negative impact on Kansas homebuilders and greatly impact the ability of Kansas communities to grow in an orderly, efficient manner.

We believe that adoption of HCR 5003 will send a clear message to the members of Congress and provide our Kansas federal delegation with the local support necessary to push back against the executive agency regulations that impact American small businesses on a daily basis. Should the regulation freedom amendment be adopted it would place greater accountability in the regulatory process by allowing Congress to have a role in the review and adoption of federal regulations.

On behalf of the KBIA members across the State of Kansas we urge the committee to support HCR 5003 and help restore some much needed accountability to the federal regulatory process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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