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**SENATOR MIKE PETERSEN**

Testimony

HB 2416

Assessment and Taxation Committee  
March 21, 2018

Committee Chairperson, and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify on HB 2416. This bill may seem familiar as it is identical to SB211, which was passed last year with some amendments that were to be added if the bill made it above the line.

HB2416 was enacted as a tax credit if 15% of expenditures on goods and services purchased from qualified vendors or non-profit certified businesses have at least 30% of their employees who are disabled Kansas residents, unlike SB211 that only required 10% of employees.

Each vendor is capped at \$500,000 and one of the differences from SB211 is the total amount of credits allowed for the life of the program would be capped at \$5 million. I believe this tax credit would allow companies such as Center Industries, who employs disabled citizens from my district, an opportunity to expand the contracts it bids to provide services to our local aircraft companies.

I understand the average disability waiver is about \$50,000. The State matching obligation is \$20,000. Having a good job with health insurance benefits gives many disabled residents independence, quality of life, and can save State dollars.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Petersen".

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Senator Mike Petersen  
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