



Dear Senate Commerce Committee Chair and Committee Members:

On behalf of Martin K. Eby Construction and our employees, I would like to encourage you to ***VOTE YES on Senate Bill 212.***

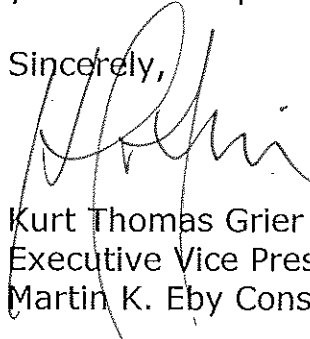
Senate Bill 212 would provide the opportunity for the State of Kansas to become the 27th State in the U.S. to make application and once approved have "local control" of the enforcement/management of the Federal OSHA regulations. This State OSHA Plan would allow for the public and private sectors to work together in partnership to collaborate on JOB-SITE safety and develop enhancements to the improvement of JOB-SITE safety for all Kansans.

Over the last few years there have been numerous "**Executive Orders**" out of Washington D.C. that have arbitrarily changed existing statutes and added unnecessary time and expense to our industry. In addition, we understand through our industry association that Federal Mandates have been issued to Federal OSHA staffers to write OSHA citations to justify their jobs. We believe that these type of directives undermine the spirit of what the OSHA standards are all about. Its time that Kansas seize the opportunity to take advantage of existing federal regulations to apply for its own State OSHA Plan.

Please VOTE YES today on Senate Bill 212.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and thank you for your leadership to the citizens of Kansas.

Sincerely,



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