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## Madam Chair and Committee Members:

Good morning! My name is Tom Holland and I am the State Senator for the Kansas Senate 3rd District serving portions of Douglas and Leavenworth counties. I am here today to ask for your support of Senate Bill 339.

I was contacted by a constituent who lost a stepson in the Bartlett Grain Elevator explosion on October 21, 2011 in Atchison, KS that also killed five other people. He reached out to me as a result of his concerns regarding the on-the-job death benefits as currently defined in Kansas' workers compensation statutes. Many of these amounts were established some 30 to 40 years ago and are woefully inadequate. This bill is intended to adjust those amounts to better compensate dependents and estates for the loss of a loved one working on the job.

Sincerely,

Tom Holland / State Senator – 3rd District