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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

As a Sprinkler Fitter of 22 years I am in full support of HB 2026, enacting the Fire Sprinkler Act. This bill is important on many levels to provide safe and reliable fire sprinkler systems that will operate when needed. Many other crafts must demonstrate a minimum understanding of their related field to protect the owner or end user. (i.e. Electrician, Plumber, Barber) When hiring a fire sprinkler contractor, the General Contractor, Building Owner and Tenant should expect that whomever installed their fire sprinkler system had the basic knowledge to install it correctly. This is all HB 2026 boils down to.

This bill is simply just an avenue for the Office of the Fire Marshall to implement a test of basic knowledge to those that are involved in installing, maintaining or inspecting life safety systems. We shouldn't have to wait for something bad to happen to set up reasonable safeguards for the residents of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Russell Hardy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Hardy", written in a cursive style.