

Honorable Chairman Sean Tarwater and All of the Commerce Committee Members:

My name is Pat Butler, I'm a 52 (Feb 13th of this year) United States Army Combat Veteran who has served in the last two war campaigns. (Desert Shield/Storm & Iraqi Freedom) I am a certified home inspector trained under six recognized professional associations, I hold over 30 separate certifications concerning residential, commercial, multi-family, safety and environmental inspections. I also hold seats on three separate board committees, with one being our local Habitat For Humanity, and two (one international and one state level) professional inspector associations that are dedicated to the education and training for both today's and tomorrow's inspectors, which are the reasons I presenting myself to the to this distinguished body today.

I honestly believe that all parties, both proponents and those who are in opposition of this bill sincerely want the same thing. That is to ensure our Kansas Residents are represented by competent professional inspectors who exercise their fiduciary responsibilities in their best interests. While I whole-heartedly hold this belief to be true, it is my belief that this bill, in its current forms fall short on both of these charges. For these reason, **I CANNOT SUPPORT HB-2526, IN ITS CURRENT FORM.**

Within this legislation, there a number of discrepancies that do not provide the protections to the client(s) which create an "unfair" market place that places one profession over another. With two of the clearly visible discrepancies I will mention for the sake of time.

1. Items such as exceptions of limits of liabilities, creates a false sense of security to the public at large.
2. The allowance of third party vendors by one profession but its prohibited by another.

These condition(s) with will handicap the inspector across the state for the sake of the legislation itself, and its availability to impose the will of one institution over another and the limit the ability to services our clients at large. While these items may appear as small line item differences on paper, the impact to the home inspection profession will be great. I do hope and pray that this committee take my word in consideration and rejects this bill in its current form. Thank you.

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