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HOUSE BILL 2569

House Committee on Financial Institutions and Rural Development

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Chairman Kelly and members of the committee, thank you for your continued support for downtown development. I am writing in support of House Bill 2569, which would expand the state historic tax credit program.

Independence Main Street is committed to bringing economic vitality not only to downtown Independence, but to the entire community and surrounding area. We work hard to make Independence a great place to live and do business. We work with entrepreneurs to launch businesses, help existing businesses grow and create jobs, host or support many community events, and work to beautify our historic downtown.

After a 20-year quiet period, downtown office and retail building is booming with developers banking on new business coming to town. The average days on the market in our core downtown is one day.

The passage of House Bill 2569 will help facilitate projects that will help develop upper housing developments, grants to help building owners maintain a structurally safe building, and maintain a vibrant downtown community.

Thank you for serving the Great State of Kansas and for making it possible for us to continue to make Independence a great place to live and work.

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