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**Testimony In Support of House Bill 2471**  
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**Committee**  
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Chairman Tarwater and Members of House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of House Bill 2471.

The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council strongly supports efforts to attract industry, jobs and economic growth for the State of Kansas and respectfully urges the Committee to do so as well.

The proposed program to incentivize the assembly of electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles in Kansas and the proposed minimum capital investment of \$250 million for the assembly operations will not only create high wage jobs, but also provide critical investment in the state's manufacturing infrastructure.

Moreover, the training provisions of the proposed program would be a wise investment in much needed workforce development and will ensure Kansas has the skilled workforce ready to meet industry demands.

Finally, along with the incentives contained in the legislation there are meaningful safeguards to protect taxpayers in the event that any business that has received incentives fails to uphold its end of the agreement with the state.

Kansas has become an attractive destination for pro-growth industries, bringing jobs and billions in economic investment to the state. House Bill 2471 continues those efforts to seek smart, fiscally responsible use of incentives to build upon the momentum Kansas has experienced over the last couple years to become globally competitive for high-skilled, good paying jobs.

Again, The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council supports House Bill 2471 to attract jobs and economic growth for the State of Kansas. We urge the committee's support of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.