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TO: Representative Sean Tarwater and
Members of the House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee

FR: Matt Fletcher, Executive Director, InterHab

RE: Support for HB 2275

Chairman Tarwater and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to share testimony in support of House Bill 2275, which seeks to spur additional employment opportunities for Kansans with disabilities via an available tax credit for businesses that purchase goods and services from vendors that hire this chronically underemployed population.

Employment-Related Incentives are Vital

InterHab's member organizations work at the forefront of employment services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). As such, they utilize all tools at their disposal to assist persons with IDD in finding and keeping jobs. Despite their efforts, it is still very difficult to find or create enough opportunities for meaningful employment. That's why efforts, such as what is embodied within HB 2275, are so important. HB 2275 helps to expand the horizons of potential business partnerships by providing an important incentive that creates an attractive opportunity to work with organizations that employ persons with disabilities within their workforce.

HB 2275 Provides Attractive Features Disability Service Providers as Well as Businesses

Businesses that participate by buying goods and services can qualify for a 15% tax credit on those purchases. That's a great incentive for participation above and beyond partnering in an effort that puts persons with disabilities to work. However, HB 2275 also contains attractive features for disability service providers. The bill revises existing statute to make it easier to create the internal structure necessary to participate in the program. HB 2275 also allows for part-time worker participation. All in all, HB 2275 is a win-win for businesses and for disability service providers. And a big win for persons with disabilities as well, who will have more opportunities for meaningful work as a result.

Thank you!

We appreciate this committee's examination of HB 2275 and are hopeful that the committee will be supportive of its passage. If the committee requires any additional information regarding disability service providers or employment services for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, we would be more than happy to provide it.