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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1,500 members, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.B. 2275, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; increasing the maximum yearly amount of credit available for purchases under the disability employment act from qualified vendors and continuing in existence such credits beyond tax year 2023; defining qualifying vendors and eligible employees.

The Chamber stands in strong support of this legislation as we believe it is good and appropriate public policy for the state of Kansas. Passage of H.B. 2275 would help create opportunities for some Kansans that often are not presented with the full slate of opportunity regularly afforded most Kansans. The ability to work and earn income provides independence and mental well-being for these valued Kansans and should be a foundational cornerstone of our state's efforts to assist our disabled citizens.

This tax credit creates an incentive for firms to use and do business with entities that largely employ disabled individuals. In effect, it helps create a fairer and more level playing field within the market for the goods and services offered by the organizations employing disabled citizens. It also likely is a benefit to the State General Fund as it may reduce the need for certain types of assistance from the state as citizens find opportunity for more independence and earn income.

Mr. Chairman, we urge the Committee to report H.B. 2275 favorable for passage.

Very truly yours,

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