



**Testimony to House Committee on Commerce  
Support of HB2334  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce**

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce (KC Chamber), representing approximately 2,000 members (40% of which are in Kansas) supports HB 2334 which deals with the APEX act and economic development. The KC Chamber believes that expanding economic growth and attraction of a highly skilled workforce is critical to the growth of our state.

We have already seen the great success of APEX in the state, and the KC Chamber believes the legislation's proposal to move the APEX projects deadline from 2023 to 2024 will allow Kansas another year to effectively implement the program, and allowing for one more project will continue to benefit our state's economy. As the country looks to repatriate supply chain and manufacturing, it is imperative that the State of Kansas position itself as a viable state to host these high-skilled and well-paying jobs. The KC Chamber has been a staunch supporter of fiscally responsible and data-informed uses of incentives and believes this legislation fits the model of prudent use of government incentives to attract high demand industry, jobs and foster much-needed growth.

The KC Chamber supports HB 2334 to attract industry, jobs, and economic growth for the State of Kansas. The Chamber urges support for capital investment, job creation and infrastructure enhancements to not only make Kansas competitive among other states, but to make Kansas globally competitive in a 21st Century economy.

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