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To: Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development,

I hope this message finds you well. As a constituent and a supporter of Kansas's beekeeping community, **I urge you to support HB2158**, which seeks to eliminate the requirement for a commercial kitchen for small-scale beekeepers to sell honey and honeycomb in retail settings.

This bill offers a simple, common-sense solution with significant benefits and **I believe represents a "Win - Win" situation for both Kansas Beekeepers and the State's rural agricultural economy.**

This Bill will enhance Kansas business by:

Empowering Small Businesses – Reduces unnecessary regulatory burdens on small beekeepers, helping them grow their businesses and contribute to local economies.

Low Risk – Honey is naturally shelf-stable, and small-scale beekeepers already follow safe hygiene practices.

Boosting Rural Economies – Encourages entrepreneurship in rural areas where beekeeping is a vital supplemental income source.

Aligning with Neighboring States – Many nearby states have already adopted similar policies, ensuring fairness and competitiveness for Kansas beekeepers.

I urge you to support **HB2158** to help small-scale beekeepers thrive while maintaining consumer confidence in their products. This bill is an excellent opportunity to support local businesses, protect pollinators, and strengthen Kansas's agricultural future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'd be happy to discuss this further or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

William C. Warnes

Senate District 9, Beverly Gossage

House District 38, Tim Johnson