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The Honorable Sean Tarwater
Chair – House Committee on Commerce, Labor & Economic Development
Kansas State Capitol
Room 346-S

Written Testimony ONLY- Opposition to HB 2119

Dear Chairman Tarwater,

On behalf of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in opposition to HB 2119.

The proposed bill eliminates the affordable housing tax credit program after June 30, 2025 jeopardizing projects-- which have received a credit allocation-- currently under development and construction but are unable to meet an arbitrary competition deadline of June 30, 2025. This puts developers, investors, contractors, suppliers and other small businesses at financial risk. Additionally, some of these developments are rehabilitations of existing communities putting current residents at risk and stops the creation of new developments in future years.

Salina and north central Kansas have been making significant strides by addressing housing shortages as business recruitment and expansion continue to bring high wage jobs to our state. It is imperative that the momentum of these efforts is not threatened by the wide-ranging negative impact of this bill.

We ask the committee not to advance HB 2119 as written due to its catastrophic outcomes for many Kansas developments and companies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Duxler", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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