



Dear Chairman Tarwater and Members of the Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Patton and I am the State Director for Americans for Prosperity-Kansas. On behalf of thousands of Kansas activists, I encourage you to pass this bill favorably out of committee. The bill is about “small business” but it has a big impact on our economy. According to the [Small Business Administration](#), **home-based businesses account for over 50 percent of all small businesses in the US. Thus, this bill could help thousands of Kansas business owners and potential business owners.**

Home-based businesses are [key for](#) entrepreneurship. Oftentimes, people with innovative business ideas may not have the money or be able to raise outside funding to afford their own commercial space. Thus, allowing home-based businesses by right would allow entrepreneurial individuals to grow their business until they can afford (or need due to growth) their own commercial or office space. Home-based businesses can be especially beneficial to business owners from traditionally more marginalized employment groups. **According to a [2022 Institute for Justice](#) survey, over half of home-based business owners are women and over 30 percent started a home-based business due to disability.**

When we are also looking at a daycare crisis in our state because of misguided licensing and regulatory overreach, to stifle parents and women in particular from entrepreneurship or virtual, home base work would be a travesty.

We know the truth of life is that [if you can do these activities for yourself in your home](#) (music prep, taxes, homework help, haircutting, cooking, etc.), you should be able to do these same activities for outside consumers for money without requiring special permissions. For example, if a parent can help their children with homework or music practice, why can't the parent tutor other children or offer music lessons? If one can file taxes from home, why can't a CPA do other people's taxes from home as well? It is no doubt we have all seen either indirectly or directly the need and success of home-based business and we should protect this commonsense approach that is both traditional and the future of our economy.

We know home-based businesses provide great benefit to local communities, providing important services, such as daycare, handywork, tax prep, and more. In fact, with [restrictions](#) on number of occupants, parking, and signage, these home-based businesses pose little nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood. Let's let Kansas be a place where people can start a business and make a livelihood and be here for the long term.

Sincerely,

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