



House Bill 2308 PROPONENT

Testimony before the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development *Written-only*

Chairman Tarwater and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority (MTAA), I am pleased to express our support for House Bill 2308, which establishes the Aviation and Innovative Manufacturing in Kansas Act.

Kansas is poised to resume its place atop the aviation industry. For its part, the MTAA has been focused as never before on leveraging its existing assets, including a 12,803 runway, hundreds of acres of shovel-ready property and proximity to educational institutions and military installations, to take a fresh narrative to aviation industry executives and site selectors. These firms like what they are hearing about aviation in Kansas' Capital City. The tax credits and other incentives made available through this legislation will be useful new tools to help us attract aviation firms willing to make the investment in our people and our community.

Tax credits and other incentive programs must always be carefully crafted to balance benefits the firm receives with benefits to the public and to ensure the latter are enduring. HB 2308 strikes that balance and, in doing so, positions Kansas to lead the way as this promising industry sector evolves and grows.

We urge you to support HB 2308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos L. Shadon".

Director of Development