



**Testimony in Support of HB 2464: Extension of Tax Credits for Aerospace and Aviation Graduates  
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Chairman Tarwater & Members of the Committee:

The state's economic development professional association, Kansas Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) supports the passage of HB 2464 to extend the utilization of the Aviation & Aerospace Tax Credit. KEDA represents more than 165 economic development professionals from across the state that work to bring jobs to all Kansas communities.

The continuation of the tax credit will allow the aerospace industry and related companies to further their investment in the workforce of Kansas. Like the aerospace industry, KEDA is made up of economic development professionals across the state that value and understand the importance of primary industry growth & development. The aerospace industry is one of our country's leading export-oriented industries and one of few manufacturing industry segments that Kansas is honored to lead the nation.

KEDA acknowledges the importance of the aerospace industry by:

- According to Deloitte, the aerospace industry is expected to grow by more than 7 percent annually to more than \$ 610 billion.
- Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO), Space, and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) will be leading segments with 6-8% compounded annual growth rate (CAGR).
- The decades-long trade surplus of the aerospace & defense (A&D) industry has seen more than \$ 138 billion exports for the country.
- Kansas exports from aerospace & defense exceed \$ 2.3 billion annually or 20% of the state's total.

On behalf of communities, economic development entities, and businesses across Kansas, we fully **support HB 2464 as it will aid the economic development and talent attraction efforts of Kansas.** We would be happy to provide additional information at your request.