

House Federal & State Affairs Committee
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RE: HB2687

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Mr. Chairman,

My name is Scott Heinen. My brother, Glenn Heinen, and I own and operate Heinen Bros. Agra Service, Inc., headquartered just south of Seneca, KS near the small community of Kelly. Our operation is one of the largest privately held aerial application businesses in the United States. We have owned and operated this Company, performing many aviation-related activities, including aircraft maintenance, for 35 years.

I hold a commercial sea plane pilot rating, and in my opinion, HB2687 is an idea that is way overdue. HB2687 would be extremely beneficial for state tourism which would add another dimension to our beautiful state that is so often considered “flat”. What could make for a better social media post than an iconic “Wichita, Kansas Built” sea plane taking off and landing on the pristine lakes of Kansas? The state and many local businesses will enjoy increased revenue directly related to HB2687 with increased fuel sales, aircraft maintenance, tourism, etc. In addition to increased revenues, the recreational value of this part of aviation cannot be measured, though I know it will be enjoyed by the citizens of this great state!!

In closing, HB2687 would be a great addition to the state of Kansas aviation legacy and should pass overwhelmingly with bipartisan support!

/s/ Scott Heinen
Co-Owner, Heinen Bros. Agra Service, Inc.