



Chair Humphries and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit **proponent testimony for HCR 5008 Restoring Legislative Oversight on Regulations**, which creates a permanent requirement in the state constitution for a legislative body to weigh in on new regulations before they go into effect. We hold the following position on HCR 5008 Restoring Legislative Oversight on Regulations:

1. HCR 5008 limits Kansans' regulatory burden.
2. HCR 5008 helps the Kansas economy grow.

HCR 5008 limits Kansans' regulatory burden.

Over time, unelected regulatory agencies have been given broad power to create and enforce laws, bypassing the legislature. Kansas now has over 70,000 regulatory restrictions, adding costs, complexity, and compliance burdens for businesses and individuals. These regulations total 3.2 million words, requiring 4.5 weeks to read in full. This growing regulatory burden raises prices, stifles entrepreneurship, and discourages job creation, making it harder for Kansas businesses to compete and grow. HCR 5008 works to cut red tape, lowering costs, and makes elected officials, not bureaucrats, in charge of regulations.

HCR 5008 helps the Kansas economy grow.

Kansas is one of only 16 states without a permanent legislative review process for new regulations. As a result, the state ranks outside the top 20 states for business climate, according to Area Development magazine. Excessive regulations have contributed to a 40-year trend of stagnation and outmigration, with Kansas recently losing 1,200 jobs. Meanwhile, states like Idaho, Arizona, and Virginia have successfully cut red tape and experienced strong economic growth—proving that regulatory reform works. HCR 5008 creates a pro-business environment by encouraging job growth and economic expansion, while also aligning Kansas with best practices and successful models seen in other states.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to pass HCR 5008 Restoring Legislative Oversight on Regulations in its current form.