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TO: The Honorable Brenda Dietrich
Members of the Senate Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee

FROM: Elizabeth Smoller, General Counsel
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RE: KAIA is in support of SB 24

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 24.

The Kansas Association of Insurance Agents (KAIA) is a statewide association of independent insurance agents. With approximately 300 member insurance agencies employing more than 2,200 licensed independent insurance agents throughout the state of Kansas, we work closely with the Kansas Department of Insurance (KDOI) on many issues.

KAIA supports SB 24. During Commissioner Schmidt's tenure, the KDOI has analyzed fees across its organization and has already reduced many of them. SB 24 gives the department the flexibility to lower even more fees. KDOI collects fees from a variety of sources including insurance agents, insurance carriers, self-funded pools, and other entities within the insurance industry. We appreciate KDOI's continued efforts to make the department more efficient and lessen the financial cost of doing business in the State of Kansas. With the ongoing headlines regarding insurance and its ever-increasing cost to consumers, we appreciate the Department's efforts to minimize the financial burdens on stakeholders within the industry and continually looking for ways to recognize efficiencies within its operations. We give our full support to this bill.

Again, we appreciate the efforts that the KDOI is making to improve processes, gain additional efficiencies, and reduce fees. KAIA is firmly supportive of SB 24 and we support the committee passing this bill out favorably.

