

February 7, 2025
Kansas Legislature
Senate Judiciary

RE: SB 54 Third Party Litigation Funding

Dear Senator Warren, Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for giving the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) an opportunity to submit written testimony to the Judiciary committee hearing on SB 54.

NAMIC is the largest property/casualty insurance trade association in the country, with more than 1,400 member companies. NAMIC supports regional and local mutual insurance companies on main streets across America and many of the country's largest national insurers. NAMIC members represent 40 percent of the total property/casualty insurance market, serve more than 170 million policyholders, and write nearly \$225 billion in annual premiums. In Kansas, NAMIC members write \$4.1 billion in annual premiums which is 52% of the property/casualty market in the state. Our members account for 80% of homeowners, 60% of automobile, and 37% of the business insurance markets

We would like to go on the record in support of SB 54, which allows for the discovery of whether third party litigation funding is present. Allowing for the disclosure of this funding is beneficial for insurers and policyholders in Kansas. While we support this legislation, we do believe there is room for improvement by making this process less burdensome and easier to obtain these third-party agreements.

Overall, this language is a step in the right direction to ensuring there is disclosure of third-party litigation funding, and ultimately ensuring these actors are not taking advantage of consumers and extorting our legal system for financial gain.

For these reasons we encourage the Judiciary Committee to vote YES on SB 54.

Thank you for your time,

Phillip Arnzen
Regional Vice President, Midwest
NAMIC