

TO:

Representative Anthony Brown, Chairman

and Member of the House Commerce and Economic Development

FROM:

Martha Neu Smith, Executive Director

Kansas Manufactured Housing Association

DATE:

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RE:

HB 2554 - Enacting the Kansas roofing contractor registration act

Chairman Brown and Members of the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee, my name is Martha Neu Smith and I am the executive director of the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association (KMHA). KMHA is a statewide trade association representing all facets of the manufactured and modular housing industries (manufacturers, retail centers, manufactured home community owners and operators, service and supplier companies, finance and insurance companies and transport companies) and I appreciate the opportunity to speak today on HB 2554.

KMHA has taken a neutral position on HB 2554, but would request an amendment. The industry is currently licensed under the Manufactured Housing Act and HB 2554 excludes manufactured home manufacturers and modular home manufacturers (page 7, Section 9, line 29-31) from the requirements of the proposal. However two areas of our business that are not included on page 7, but would be impacted by HB 2554, are manufactured home retailers acting within the scope of their license and manufactured home installers while acting within the scope of their license.

KMHA would respectfully ask that when the Committee works HB 2554 that language be added to exclude manufactured home dealers and installers while acting within the scope of their license from the provisions of HB 2554.

Thank you for your consideration.