



**Testimony on House Bill 2450
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Chairman Brown and members of the Committee:

My name is Terry Forsyth and I am President of the Working Kansas Alliance. I am submitting written testimony today in support of House Bill 2450.

House Bill 2450 is an easy opportunity for the State of Kansas to foster a pro-growth business climate for small businesses. The foundation of the Kansas economy is small business. Working Kansans who aspire to start a business should be encouraged by the state, and that is exactly what this bill would do.

Every large employer started out as a small employer. And in this economy there will be entrepreneurs and innovators who were somebody else's employee before this recession, but out of necessity are looking for new opportunities. House Bill 2450 is the kind of proposal that would provide our state's newest businesses with encouragement and teach them how to take advantage of every opportunity that businesses have to compete in Kansas.

The State of Kansas has programs and incentives that have been developed to attract and retain large employers. It has programs and incentives to recruit to different corners of Kansas. It should take seriously the potential that women and minority owned businesses have to contribute as employers and as corporate citizens.

We respectfully urge you to pass House Bill 2450. Thank you for your consideration.