

TO: Representative Adam Smith, Chairperson

and Members of the House Taxation Committee

FROM: Martha Smith, Executive Director

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RE: SB 282 – Create the Kansas Housing Investor Credit Act and enacts the Kansas

Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act

Chairman Smith and Members of the House Taxation Committee, my name is Martha 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 provide written testimony in support of the provisions of SB 282 which creates the Kansas Housing Investor Credit Act and the Kansas Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act.

As a provider of unsubsidized reasonable priced housing, Kansas Manufactured Housing Association's members support efforts to create a financial resource for affordable housing to help address areas of Kansas that are struggling to develop moderate income and affordable housing.

According to the 2021 Kansas Housing Assessment, many counties in Kansas have a median housing stock older than 1960. KMHA feels that SB 282 provides two tools that will help incentivize private developers to invest in Kansas and start building moderate income and affordable housing in our rural areas. This could be an important step in stabilizing the rural housing stock and our declining population.

I would also note that many of the surrounding states have similar tools in place.

Thank you Chairman Smith and members of the Committee for the opportunity to provide comments in support of SB 282 and KMHA would respectfully ask for your support SB 282, which creates the Kansas Housing Investor Credit Act and the Kansas Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act.