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**Testimony In Support of Senate Bill 325**  
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**Senate Commerce Committee**  
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Chair Erickson and Members of Senate Commerce Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of Senate Bill 325.

The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council strongly supports efforts to attract industry, jobs and economic growth for the State of Kansas and respectfully urges the Committee to do so as well.

The proposed program to incentivize the assembly of electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles in Kansas and the proposed minimum capital investment of \$250 million for the assembly operations will not only create high wage jobs, but also provide critical investment in the state's manufacturing infrastructure.

Kansas has become an attractive destination for pro-growth industries, bringing jobs and billions in economic investment to the state. Senate Bill 325 continues those efforts to seek smart, fiscally responsible use of incentives to build upon the momentum Kansas has experienced over the last year to become globally competitive for high-skilled, good paying jobs.

Furthermore, along with the incentives contained in the legislation there are meaningful safeguards to protect taxpayers in the event that any business that has received incentives fails to uphold its end of the agreement with the state.

Again, The Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council supports Senate Bill 325 to attract jobs and economic growth for the State of Kansas. We urge the committee's support of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.