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To: House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee
From: Kerry Parham, *President*
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Re: SB 37

My name is Kerry Parham and I have been a home inspector in Wichita for over 30 years. I currently serve as President of the Kansas Association of Real Estate Inspectors (KAREI). KAREI is a not-for-profit trade association of professional Real Estate Inspectors and affiliated members, dedicated to the ethical and professional development of the real estate inspection industry. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 37, which would repeal the sunset provision of the Kansas Home Inspectors Professional Competence and Financial Responsibility Act.

Passage of the original home inspector legislation in 2008 (i.e., HB2315) created the Home Inspectors Registration Board and allowed for development of education requirements, Rules and Regulations, Standards of Practice, and a Code of Ethics. By creating these minimum education and inspection standards we have eliminated unqualified individuals and defined the scope of a home inspection. Buyers and Sellers of real estate are often entering into the largest and most important financial transaction of their lives. They rely heavily upon the experience and knowledge of a Registered Home Inspector to provide an unbiased and competent inspection, in order to protect both their financial interests and the health and safety of their families. It is imperative that the Home Inspectors Professional Competence and Financial Responsibility Act remain in statute, so all parties involved in a real estate transaction are assured their Home Inspector is both qualified and follows recognized Standards of Practice. Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify and I will be happy to stand for any questions.

Kerry Parham,

KAREI President