



**House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee
Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 2515
Presented by Kristi Brown, Sr. Director of Government Affairs**

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Kristi Brown, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2515.

HB2515 creates an additional tool in our tool-box to encourage Kansas students to stay in our great State to pursue educational training and skilled trade opportunities. The demand for a highly trained, skilled workforce continues to grow in our state and creating additional opportunities for our students to gain that needed training will not only put them on a great career path, it will also help grow our economy and attract new companies to our state while better meeting the needs of businesses that already call Kansas home.

We thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB2515 and I am happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.