



February 19, 2019

Re: Support of SB199

The Wichita Independent Business Association, representing over 350 local business owners and employees, support the adoption of SB199, establishing the AO-K to work program. The demand for a workforce with targeted technical training far exceeds the supply.

The AO-K to work program provides a pathway for individuals without a high school diploma to obtain well- paying positions following technical training and high school equivalency credentials without the additional burden of completing a GED program. This streamlined training model will significantly benefit those individuals and their families.

WIBA believes every business should have an opportunity to succeed. We believe all Kansans should have the same opportunities for career achievement and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alicia Holloway'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alicia Holloway
President