



Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 150
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Chairman and members of the committee, I am pleased to submit written testimony on behalf of NFIB Kansas in strong support of SB150, which requires certain disclosures for legal advertising. NFIB Kansas is the leading small business organization in Kansas representing small and independent businesses. A non-profit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB Kansas represents the consensus views of its over 4,000 members in Kansas.

As the nation's legal system continues to spiral out of control and billion-dollar lawsuits become the norm, NFIB fights hard for legal reform in all 50 states. Small business owners do not have in-house counsel and the vast majority cannot afford to hire lawyers to defend their business and reputations in court. Trial lawyers know this and, as a result, small business owners are easy targets for the plaintiff's attorney looking for a quick payout. Just one frivolous lawsuit can force a small business to close its doors forever.

Following the 2019 *Hilburn v Enerpipe, LTD.*, Kansas Supreme Court decision which tossed out the legislative caps on non-economic damage on personal injury cases, small business fears of frivolous lawsuits have never been higher. Senate Bill 150 will alleviate concerns about predatory efforts to illicit more frivolous claims against employers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments today and we urge you to pass out SB 150 favorably.