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TO: Senator Rob Olson, Chairperson
and Members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

FROM: Martha Smith, Executive Director
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DATE: February 3, 2021

RE: SB375 – Tax Credit for Investment in Residential Housing Projects in Underserved Rural and Urban Communities to accommodate new employees and support business growth.

SB376 – Expanding Kansas Housing Programs to Facilitate Economic Development by Broadening the Kansas Rural Housing Incentive District Act to allow use of bond proceeds for construction of residential dwellings and building

Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee, my name is Martha Smith and I am the Executive Director of the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association (KMHA). KMHA is a statewide trade association representing all facets of the manufactured and modular housing industries (manufacturers, retail centers, manufactured home community owners and operators, service and supplier companies, finance and insurance companies and transport companies) and I appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of both SB375 and SB376, which provide additional tools to encourage the investment in housing.

As a provider of unsubsidized affordable housing, the members of Kansas Manufactured Housing Association members support efforts to create additional tools to develop housing across the state.

The factory built housing industry has the ability to build, transport and install homes across the state. The Industries' manufacturers, retailers, transporter, installers are licensed by the State of Kansas and manufactured housing is built to the federal preemptive building code (HUD Code) and modular housing is built to nationally recognize building codes adopted by the local government. However, there is still the need for financing or an incentive to invest in

housing and KMHA feels that both SB375 and SB376 provide additional tools to help bridge that gap - to make an investment in housing.

KMHA would respectfully ask for your support for both SB375 and SB376 and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment.