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**TESTIMONY OF  
ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF KANSAS  
BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE  
SB 260**

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By Corey D Peterson, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc.

Madam Chairman, Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Corey D Peterson. I am the Executive Vice President of the Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc. The AGC of Kansas is a trade association representing the commercial building construction industry, including general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers throughout Kansas (with the exception of Johnson and Wyandotte counties).

**AGC of Kansas finds many of the provisions of SB 260 to be unclear, but based on how the bill may be interpreted, AGC of Kansas opposes Senate Bill 260 as written.**

AGC of Kansas does not condone the knowingly hiring of illegal immigrants. However, it feels this is a federal issue and laws are currently on the books addressing such. The uncertainty as to what will be done on the federal level adds even more complications to an already complicated subject.

SB 260 unfairly places a burden on employers to verify legal status of employees. While the bill calls for application into the basic pilot employment verification program to verify the legal status of employees, many questions remain regarding the accuracy of the program.

This burden and the corresponding substantial penalties to be imposed should the burden not be met may further jeopardize employers, as they will run the risk of discrimination lawsuits while attempting to insure the legal status of their current and future employees.

AGC is part of a coalition comprised of business-related associations and organizations that is currently working on alternative immigration language and we respectfully ask that any action be delayed until this language can be presented.

The AGC of Kansas **respectfully requests that you do not recommend SB 260 for passage.** Thank you for your consideration.