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## Testimony re: HB 2554 House Commerce and Economic Development Committee Presented by Kerry Parham on behalf of Kansas Association of Real Estate Inspectors February 9, 2012

Dear Chairman and other esteemed committee members:

As president of the largest state association of home inspectors in Kansas, I wish to acknowledge our wholehearted support for HB2554. As home inspectors we often find ourselves in the unfortunate situation of telling a disappointed prospective homeowner or unwitting seller that their newly installed roof has been poorly or improperly applied. Registration would be a good first step toward eliminating some unqualified and/or unscrupulous contractors who are out to make a quick buck at someone else's expense.

However, we ask that HB2554 be modified to exclude home inspectors from registration. We are already registered with the State of Kansas and have stringent requirements and standards of practice already in place.

Sec. #9 of the bill lists those who are not required to register; we ask that "Registered Home Inspectors" be added to that list.

Sincerely,

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