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Testimony

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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to discuss this issue. My name is Kip Spray. I am President of Venture Corporation, a highway contractor from Great Bend, Kansas.

Our 40 year old, family owned business employs 170 people that make our living by building highways for the Department of Transportation. When the taxpayers and Congress supported T-Works, we made a commitment to our employees that we will continue to create jobs for them and their families.

Last year Legislation took \$200 million from transportation. Now, \$160 million less would go to KDOT in FY 2014 and \$190 million less in FY 2015 totaling another \$350 million, with the promise to repay funds in years 2015-2022. This promise to repay is very concerning when the promise was already made to fully fund T-Works.

Venture Corporation and its' employees stand very much opposed to HB 2747.

When T-Works made its commitment to the people of Kansas, so did our company. I hope the Taxation Committee of Transportation Funding also keeps its commitment to the people of Kansas and our 170 employees as we did.


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