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TO: Senator McGinn and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

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RE: Support for HB 2429

Good Morning Senator McGinn and the Ways and Means Committee. I am Trudy Aron of the American Institute of Architects in Kansas. Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of HB 2429.

AIA Kansas is a statewide association of architects and intern architects. Most of our 600 members work in over 100 private practice architectural firms designing a variety of project types for both public and private clients. Our members are designing tomorrow's buildings today, aiming to meet the "triple bottom line:" buildings that are affordable, protect the health of the building occupants, and respect our environment.

HB 2429 – this bill removes the sunset date for a pilot program that allows the Regents Institutions to provide their own procurement for building projects that do not use state funds. The pilot program, while still new, has been working and has increased the speed of projects modestly.

AIA Kansas believes the sunset should be removed. Thank you for allowing the American Institute of Architects in Kansas to address you on HB 2429. If you have questions, I would be happy to answer them.