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TESTIMONY

TO: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

FROM: SCOTT HEIDNER
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DATE: MARCH 6, 2013

RE: SB 42

Chairman King, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for SB 42. My name is Scott Heidner, and I serve as the Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas (ACEC Kansas). ACEC Kansas is the trade association representing private engineering businesses in Kansas.

ACEC Kansas is supportive of SB 42. Currently, there is a strong disincentive for licensed professional engineers to offer their services on a voluntary basis. Barring specific statutory protection from liability, the risk is simply too high, and quite often uninsurable as well.

SB 42 would not only offer liability protection for volunteer design work done by licensed professional engineers in specific instances, it would also benefit Kansas schools by allowing them to harness the skills of these officials at no charge. In times of tight budgets, this is a true win-win.

Thank you again for the opportunity to lend our support to SB 42. ACEC Kansas is happy to be a resource to this Committee and its members if there is anything else we can do to help.