



**House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Testimony in Support of House Bill 2076
Presented by Kristi Brown, Sr. Director of Government Affairs**

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Kristi Brown, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2076.

Over 80% of the Kansas Chamber's membership is made up of small and medium businesses, many of whom rely on professional employer organizations (PEO's) to provide human resource services. Workers' Compensation insurance, employee benefits, compliance issues, payroll distribution and employment taxes are all essential but complex components of running a successful, sustainable business and many of our members would not be able to focus on their core business without the help of PEO's.

House Bill 2076 will help lessen the burden placed on our members who utilize the service of a PEO. The duplication of quarterly wage and unemployment tax reporting is unnecessary and cumbersome for all involved. Allowing PEO's to file one report on behalf of each of their clients is more efficient and reflective of how most other states manage this reporting.

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Chamber to provide testimony and express support of House Bill 2076.