

**HB 2703 - Preempting local building and construction codes more stringent
than national model codes, with certain exceptions**

before the

House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

by

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To: Committee Chairman Sean Tarwater and Members of the Committee

I am a small business owner in the state and I urge you to support HB 2703, the Kansas Energy Choice Bill. My company, Swims and Sweeps, installs gas fireplaces, logs, and outdoor gas fire pits. With our Headquarters in Shawnee County and 2 other locations in Riley/Pottawatomie and Douglass , we service 20 to 25 counties surrounding our 3 locations.

We have three stores, in Topeka, Lawrence, and Manhattan, and employ 15-20 people. My company needs consistent and stable building codes across all the jurisdictions we work in.

I can image there might be some concern about local control, and I certainly support that concept on many issues, but when it comes to building codes, I think we have to be consistent across our state.

Please support HB 2703.

Thank you.

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