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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 members, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the H.B 2466, AN ACT concerning education; enacting the promoting advancement in computing knowledge act; requiring computer science courses of instruction in high schools; making and concerning appropriations for the state board of regents and the state department of education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

The Chamber applauds this effort to increase computer science programs in Kansas public schools. We especially support the funding to recruit and train teachers capable of teaching computer science.

Kansas' future is dependent on a talented and trained workforce. Knowledge of expertise in computer sciences will be a critical component in ensuring a workforce prepared to lead our state moving forward. For this reason, we urge passage of H.B. 2466.

Very truly yours,

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