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Honorable Senators,

I have inspected homes in Kansas since 2005 and have had a past license. As most inspectors do, I carry E&O and liability insurance and find no need to have licensing again in Kansas. So I do STRONGLY OPPOSE SB-176 and list my reasons below:

- In my opinion we have a very large profession (Real Estate) pushing licensure upon another much smaller profession, typically single owner.
- Architects and Engineers would not have to follow the same guidelines and have the same liability???? This creates a financial disadvantage for those that do.
- I am not aware of any other profession related to the residential market that would be liable for an inspection after one year. If an Electrician inspects the electric panel and then it catches fire in 6 months, is he liable? If a Plumber performs a sewer scope and missed a large root, would he be liable after one year if the sewer backs up into the home? What liability do Real Estate Agents have after selling a \$400,000 home?—ZERO.

To be blunt, I inspect Manufactured Stone Veneer, Stucco, and EIFS homes as a large portion of my business and the damage caused by poor installation far exceeds damages that would be missed by a home inspector during a typical inspection . Why are we not passing a bill to require licensing and liability on siding installers? After all, we want to focus on what will most protect the public. As my final request, please KILL THE BILL.

Thank you!

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