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KS House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chair Kinzer and Committee member:

Re: House Bill 2188

We are writing to share our opposition to this bill. It will produce a significant amount of paperwork and burden.

On a regular basis, our employers complain about the variety of federal government regulations that divert their attention and focus from their strategic objectives. Completing paperwork and forms to meet reporting requirements instead of working on performance objectives is a point of frustration to many employers.

HB 2188 seems to replicate the problem. Entities will need to spend time creating detailed paperwork (that will likely have minimal public readership) instead of focusing on their mission statement. In our case, that means less focus on working with others to create jobs and to encourage private sector capital investment. Instead of supporting the growth of the hospitality industry (and the 2,000 jobs it supports in Salina), non-productive energy will be spent creating the regulated paperwork.

We urge the committee to avoid a burdensome regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis W. Lauver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Dennis W. Lauver
President & CEO

Right place. Right reason. Right *now*.