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**Comments of Larrie Ann Brown  
Before the House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee  
Support of HB 2024  
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Mister Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to appear before you today on behalf of The Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI). PCI supports HB 2024, which creates a registration requirement for roofing contractors who want to do business in Kansas. PCI is a national property casualty trade association comprised of over 1,000 member companies, representing the broadest cross-section of insurers of any national trade association.

HB 2024 is a consumer protection bill that will protect Kansans from unscrupulous individuals posing as skilled, licensed, bonded roofing contractors. These individuals have various ways they take advantage of consumers from offering to repair damages to a residential property by promising to pay or rebate any or all of the consumers insurance deductible by inflating the cost of the repairs, to staging an injury and then filing a claim against the homeowner's insurance. Many provide poor workmanship and there are even instances of asking for full payment in advance from the consumer and then the "roofer" never returns to complete the work.

PCI joins with the other proponents, including legitimate and honest roofing contractors, and ask that you protect your constituents, our customers, from these "bad actors" by passing HB 2024. Thank you and I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.