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**Testimony In Support of House Bill 2527
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Chairman Delperdang and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of House Bill 2527.

The Mid America Carpenters Regional Council (MACRC) supports this legislation, which supports the investment in generation and distribution projects and allows a more competitive policy to invest capital in a fair and equitable way. The MACRC has been instrumental in the economic and construction growth of the state and a partner for the development in the region. Our workforce has and continues to support all power generation for the state, including current and future renewable initiative and projects.

Last fiscal year, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, the state of Kansas consumed almost 59 million Megawatt hours. House Bill 2527 creates more opportunities for manufacturers and companies to invest in Kansas by building an electric infrastructure capable of handling large draws on the grid. We have learned in recent years that the state's current power system warrants upgrades and more capacity to meet the growing needs in our current upward economic development trend.

On behalf of the Mid America Carpenters Regional Council and its over 53,000 members and their families, we support economic growth and construction and therefore respectfully request the committee to support House Bill 2527.

Thank you.