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To: House Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development Committee

From: Shelby Fry, TARC Industries/Employment Services Director

Re: Written Testimony in Support of HB 2353

TARC is a not-for-profit organization, providing services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities within Shawnee County since 1954. At TARC Industries/Employment Services (TIES), the work training, job coaching, and job placement division of TARC, we strive to provide opportunities for those with disabilities to earn income either through direct community job placement, or at our work training program at TARC Industries.

As a current State Use Law vendor TARC provides Document Destruction, Mail Services, and Janitorial services to our local community. These work opportunities afford TARC the ability to provide work training for those who choose our service in Shawnee County.

I am an appointed member of the State Use Law Committee and hold the current Chairperson position. Over the course of the last year, it had become apparent to members of the committee that the State Use Law may need some clarifications to ensure that the intent and spirit of the law remained at the forefront of the laws implementation.

We ask that you please support the clarifications set forth in HB 2353 and appreciate your support of those with disabilities within our State.

Regards,

Shelby L. Fry

TIES Director