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Chairperson Julia Lynn
Senate Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Topeka, Kansas

Re: Senate Bill 212 (State OSHA PLAN)

Dear Chairperson Julia Lynn and Committee Members:

On behalf of Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co, Inc. and its 240 employees, I would like to encourage you to support Bill 212 (State OSHA PLAN). Today I have my Corporate Safety Officer, Clark Jones, before you in order to testify on our company's experiences with the State OSHA Plan on one of our heavy highway construction projects in the State of Iowa for our client Cedar Rapids and the Iowa City Railroad (Crandic). We were challenged with building a new rail bridge over the Cedar River in downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa when flood waters destroyed the existing bridge. The work had to be accomplished through the winter months with some very difficult challenges.

We were very impressed with the job-site collaboration with the State OSHA office, in that it was done in a cooperative manner between the public & private sectors of which both have similar interests in our co-workers and neighbors' safety and well-being. Dondlinger & Sons Construction believes that the State of Kansas should become the 27th State in the country to have its own State OSHA Plan in order to provide opportunities for the public & private sectors in Kansas to work together in enhancing job-site safety for all Kansans.

Thank you for your time today and we encourage you today to pass Senate Bill 212. We stand ready for questions from the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Dondlinger", is written over a printed name and title.

Tom Dondlinger
President