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Written Testimony as a Proponent

for

HB 2507 - Liability protection for businesses that participate in high school work-based learning programs.

before the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

by

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Aligned is a proponent for HB 2507. As a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of business leaders committed to improving Kansas's education system, Aligned was founded on the premise that the business community has the obligation, opportunity and capacity to increase the college and workforce readiness for all students. Aligned is focused on creating alignment between business and education, removing the systemic barriers keeping them apart and encouraging regular and on-going collaboration between the two.

Aligned business leader members understand the importance of a creative and skilled workforce and we are committed to supporting proven, effective strategies for building that pool of talent across the state. Real world, work-based learning opportunities are critical to addressing opportunity and workforce needs gaps in our state. HB2507 supports both workforce and economic development in the region. With HB 2507, we have the opportunity to promote a strategic alignment for economic and workforce development by supporting local efforts to promote work-based learning programs to all Kansas students.

I would be happy to response to any questions and assist the committee in continuing to study this issue. Thank you.

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