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The Honorable Sam Brownback  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol Building  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 241S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

Re: Letter in Support of HB 2044

Dear Governor Brownback:

The National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) writes to urge you to sign HB 2024, which creates the Kansas Roofing Registration Act. The final version of the bill passed the House with 100 votes in favor and 22 against and was approved by the Senate on a 35 to 4 vote.

NAMIC is the largest and most diverse property/casualty trade association in the country, with 1,400 regional and local mutual insurance member companies serving more than 135 million auto, home, and business policyholders and writing in excess of \$196 billion in annual premiums. More than 200,000 people are employed by NAMIC member companies. In Kansas, we have 135 member companies, including 14 domiciled companies, which underwrite 44% of the state's insurance.

NAMIC's membership is largely "Main Street" businesses. We generally believe that there is already too much regulation in society and we have a healthy skepticism towards new proposed regulations, particularly those flowing from the federal government. That said, it is important for the public to have the tools to deal with fraudulent practices, particularly those that exploit vulnerable persons such as senior citizens.

HB 2024 will help protect Kansans from unscrupulous, frequently out of state, storm scammers who flock to the state during times of disaster. It will also guard the reputation of hard-working Kansas small businesses that provide important disaster recovery services and enable them to get the job done right the first time, instead of cleaning up the messes caused by storm scammers.

NAMIC appreciates your attention to this issue. If there is anything NAMIC or our members can do to assist you, or if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I remain,

Sincerely,



Mark Johnston  
State Affairs Manager – Midwest Region