

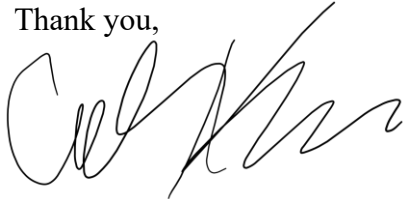
**House Bill 1609**  
**Testimony of Cole Kratochvil**  
**House Judiciary Committee**  
**February 12, 2025**

I submit this testimony in favor of house bill 1609.

Creating an alternative pathway for applicants to sit for the bar exam by way of an apprenticeship program will serve to broaden the applicant field, resulting in a wider range of applicants. Allowing for an alternative to the Juris Doctor as the exclusive qualification for taking the bar does not devalue the profession, as no concessions are being made regarding the exam itself.

I respectfully request a do pass on house bill 1609.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cole Kratochvil', with a stylized, cursive script.

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