NSPE-KS™ KANSAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

To: **Senate Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources**

From: **Travis Lowe**
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers

Date: **March 10, 2025**

Re: **Support Testimony for HB 2113**

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE), thank you for the opportunity to submit our written support for HB 2113. We appreciate the committee's leadership in addressing critical water infrastructure and conservation needs across our state.

KSPE proudly represents licensed professional engineers who are at the forefront of ensuring sustainable water management, infrastructure safety, and long-term resource planning. For more than 120 years, our organization has been dedicated to advancing the engineering profession through professional development, licensure advocacy, and legislative engagement—all with the overarching goal of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

HB 2113 represents a vital step in strengthening Kansas' commitment to water conservation and infrastructure investment. By transferring $5 million annually until 2028 to match federal funding for soil conservation districts, along with increasing the State General Fund's transfer to the State Water Plan Fund by $20 million annually to $55 million, this legislation reinforces the progress made with HB 2302 in 2023.

KSPE applauds the Legislature's ongoing efforts to enhance water sustainability, ensuring a secure and reliable future for all Kansans.

We appreciate your consideration of this important measure and look forward to continued collaboration in advancing sound water policy for Kansas.