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Re: HB 2476- Written Proponent

To: House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Chairman Rahjes

From: Claudia Hissong, Kansas Farm Bureau

Chairman Rahjes and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on HB 2476. My name is Claudia Hissong, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) members. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

Our farmer rancher members utilize numerous inputs and practices to produce a safe, nutritious and abundant food supply. One input often utilized is pesticides. Pesticides are used in production agriculture to control weeds and increase crop yields. Farm Bureau members understand the responsibility of safe use of pesticides and state in the American Farm Bureau policy book, *"Agricultural chemicals are important in continuing to supply consumers with an abundant, safe, nutritious, high quality and reasonably priced food supply. We are committed to continuing the use of agricultural chemicals in a safe and judicious manner so as to protect the health and safety of producers, our employees, our families, our communities and the environment."*

Federal law currently provides a robust review and stringent approval process for pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). This federal law is intended to ensure safe and uniform standards across the country to advance both public safety and agriculture.

For over thirty years, the Kansas Supreme Court has recognized the preemptive role of FIFRA in pesticide registrations and labels. As a result, HB 2476 would simply codify existing Kansas caselaw. *See Jenkins v. Amchem Products, Inc.*, 256 Kan. 602 (1994) ("all failure to warn claims are preempted under FIFRA"). While HB 2476 would not substantively change Kansas law, it would reaffirm the state's position and provide needed clarity for the agricultural sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 2476. HB 2476 contains provisions that codify state law and provide additional clarity regarding the labeling of pesticides, an important input for farmers and ranchers.