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The Honorable Ken Rahjes

Chairman

Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Kansas House of Representatives

112-N, The Capitol, Topeka, KS

Chairman Rahjes and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony for HB 2476. I am Brian Younker, a sorghum producer from Spearville, Kansas and I serve on the board of directors for Kansas Sorghum Producers (KSP). KSP is the largest state-level sorghum association in the nation and serves as the voice for growers in Kansas, the top sorghum-producing state in the U.S.

In 2025, Kansas sorghum growers produced 252 million bushels across 2.8 million acres, averaging 90 bushels per acre. These producers support rural communities, export markets, livestock feeding, renewable fuels and regional food systems across the state and nation. Regulatory certainty for these operations ensures agriculture remains the economic backbone of Kansas.

In order to produce abundantly for our economy and secure our livelihoods, Kansas producers like me rely on many critical crop protection tools and harvest aids, including glyphosate. We support sound science and rigorous review by federal regulators acting under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducts thorough research to outline and approve labels for new and existing products. Fortunately glyphosate, for one example, has been tested and proven to not have associated health risks; however, without consensus between federal and state label regulations, legal action can impact producers due to current legislative uncertainty in Kansas. Aligning state and federal label guidelines maintains rigorous safety and health standards while providing the predictability producers need when planning and applying necessary pesticides. This consistency reduces operational risk and protects the long-term viability of the sorghum industry.

KSP maintains longstanding, grassroots member-driven policy resolutions that support regulatory efforts having positive impacts on producers. These policies contribute to clearer pesticide label guidelines, which in turn reduce the incidence of lawsuits challenging federal health and safety guidelines and impacting Kansas producers. We urge support for this bill that would ensure pesticides registered with the EPA and sold under a label consistent with EPA's own determinations are adequate to satisfy health and safety requirements. We urge you to support HB 2476.

Sincerely,

Secretary, Board of Directors

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Kansas Sorghum Producers (KSP) gives growers a voice in legislative, regulatory and industry affairs through efforts funded through membership dues.