

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Patrick Ross. I am a filmmaker and writer in the Lawrence area.

HB 2476 has been brought to my attention and I would like to provide my testimony in opposition to this bill. I stand with the farming community and do not agree that corporations with harmful and dangerous products that pose threats to our communities and ecosystems should be absolved of any culpability with the introduction of their products in Kansas. We have seen gross negligence by corporations devastate our rural communities and without proper legislation to prevent catastrophes we as citizens will not be properly protected.

These are issues that resonate with me because I have become a local advocate for environmental issues. I am involved with local wetlands protection, here in Lawrence, and I have recently begun to serve on the executive committee of the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club. My testimony today is not on behalf of the Sierra Club, they are my own opinions on the matter.

Our farming communities in Kansas deserve the benefits of reasonable legislation that protects their quality of life. This will not only affect the farming community, but will also affect the communities who buy their agricultural products such as here in Lawrence.

I urge you to consider rejecting this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,
Patrick Ross