

Good morning Chairman Rahjes, Vice Chair Neelly, Ranking Minority Featherston, and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,

I am writing to you today in opposition of HB 2476 and asking for you to also be in opposition of HB 2476. You as Kansas legislators just voted to protect Kansas's sovereignty last week as one of the first bills voted on in the House this session, and this bill would do the opposite of that by lumping Kansas into the Federal government labeling requirements. In reality, Kansas should be raising the bar by providing additional information on labels to warn Kansans of the truth of health and safety risks due to pesticides.

I am someone who has farmed since I was a little girl, have family and friends that are farmers, lived in the country across and around farming land, and I and other farmers believe in doing what's right for human lives over profits. I **successfully grow my own food with ZERO herbicides and or pesticides** and I buy organic food to avoid the toxic poisonous cancer causing chemicals.

Last year after we came out of session, I knew it was time for me to focus on my own health and **I decided to have a test done that would look at herbicides and pesticides in my system.** This test is a \$400 test that is not covered by insurance and it shows how much herbicides and pesticides you have in your system by name. Keep in mind I am a person who doesn't use these chemicals and buys organic, and **YET I had elevated levels of herbicides and pesticides in my system**, even though I am someone who is very conscientious about what I put in my body. I spent hundreds of dollars doing a three month detox and cleanse to extract the harmful herbicides and pesticides out of my system. This too was not covered by insurance and cost me hundreds of dollars. Most Americans can not afford to do this and aren't aware of the harms that these chemicals can cause to our health and safety. Therefore, Kansas should not pass this bill allowing for the Federal government to have lower standards on health and safety to one of the largest lobbies out there putting profits over human lives.

Thank you for listening and I appreciate your support in voting NO on HB 2476.

For freedom and liberty,
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