



Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
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To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

From: Chris Tanner, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers President

Re: Proponent Testimony on House Bill 2476; permitting federal pesticide warning or labeling requirements to satisfy any state pesticide warning or labeling requirements.

Thank you, Chairman Rahjes and members of the committee, for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2476.

I'm Chris Tanner, the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers President. I'm a multi-generational farmer from western Kansas that serves on the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and National Association of Wheat Growers boards. I farm wheat, corn, oats, alfalfa, forage sorghum and cattle. The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers is a member-governed organization representing wheat growers in planning legislation, advising government and international agencies on matters affecting wheat and providing grass-roots leadership to the U.S. wheat industry.

As a farmer, many things are out of my control after I plant the seed and before I harvest the crop. I rely on mother nature and farming practices to grow a crop to feed the world. With that, there are certain tools that help me ensure that I will have a crop each year and protect the plant in the ground. The use of pesticides helps increase yields and lower weeds, helping me ensure that I will have a crop to harvest. This crop protection tool is vital to the operation of my farm.

The EPA has a rigorous and scientific process of evaluating the impacts of pesticides on health and the environment before any pesticide can be registered. This bill would ensure that any pesticide that has already been registered with the EPA, and has been sold under a label consistent with the EPA, will satisfy health and safety requirements.

This legislation helps protect farmers' tools they need to help feed the world.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2476.

Chris Tanner