



To: Chairman Ken Rahjes, House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
From: Jared Nash, Kansas Soybean Association
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Re: Proponent Testimony on HB 2476

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jared Nash, and I serve as First Vice President of the Kansas Soybean Association. I farm in Cherokee County near Parsons, where my family has farmed for generations, raising soybeans, wheat, corn, and cattle. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this legislation.

This bill addresses a critical issue facing Kansas farmers: the need for clear, consistent pesticide labeling standards that we can rely on when protecting our crops.

Like farmers across Kansas, I depend on EPA-registered pesticides to manage weeds, insects, and disease in my fields. These products undergo rigorous federal review before they reach the market. The EPA evaluates scientific data on safety and effectiveness, then requires specific label warnings based on that evidence.

This legislation ensures that when a pesticide meets federal registration and labeling requirements, those standards satisfy Kansas law. It doesn't shield manufacturers from legitimate claims about defective products or failure to follow federal requirements—it just prevents state-level claims that conflict with EPA's warning determinations.

For farmers, regulatory certainty matters. We need confidence that the products we're legally purchasing and applying according to label directions won't expose us or our suppliers to unpredictable litigation. This uncertainty makes manufacturers hesitant to register products in our state, which limits our tools for responsible crop production.

Federal pesticide regulation exists specifically to create uniform, science-based standards across all states. This bill respects that framework while preserving farmers' access to crop protection tools that have already been thoroughly vetted by regulators.

I urge the committee to support this legislation and appreciate your consideration.

Thank you.