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- d. Bill Number HB2103
- e. Position on Bill Proponent
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Date: January 28, 2025

Attention: Chair Estes, Education Committee, Kansas House of Representatives

Purpose: **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT for HB 2103**

It is with great enthusiasm the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation provides this resolution of support for HB 2103, allowing organized FFA and 4-H activities and competitions to be considered an excused absence from school.

The Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation understands the commitment a young person must make to participate in, exhibit at, and to generally be involved in agriculture-based competitions and leadership programs at a local, state and national level. Many of these type events are held during the Kansas State Fair as well as on the Kansas State Fairgrounds and at other locations throughout the year.

These activities and competitions provide essential *experiential* learning opportunities which cannot be duplicated or created in a classroom setting. They broaden the perspective of the student, allow the student to experience real-world competition, understand commitment and responsibility to oneself as well as to teammates. These types of programs allow the student's education to rise beyond what can be taught in a traditional classroom setting and to better prepare them for a work environment which demands high levels of performance, drive, work-ethic and personal responsibility.

The Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation Board of Directors voted unanimously to support HB 2103 and encourage every member of the Kansas House and Senate to vote in favor of this bill.

In Great Appreciation,

Mary McCurry, Board Chair

James Fisher, Executive Director

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To inspire excellence and understanding of Kansas agriculture, industry and culture through the Kansas State Fair, activities, educational programs and opportunities.