



Kansas Grain & Feed Association  
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association  
Renew Kansas Biofuels Association

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To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Randy Stookey, General Counsel & SVP Government Affairs  
Re: **Proponent Joint Written Testimony on HCR 5008, proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for legislative oversight of rules and regulations adopted by executive branch agencies and officials.**

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Chairwoman Humphries and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Concurrent Resolution 5008. This testimony is submitted jointly by the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association.

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is a trade association of over 700 agribusiness firms that supply fertilizers, crop protection products, seed, petroleum products, and agronomic services to Kansas farmers. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the Kansas biofuels industry.

Broadly, members of these associations operate in important agribusiness industries which are highly regulated.

Members of our associations understand that many state and federal regulations are necessary, reasonable, and lawful. However, we have long opposed the adoption of regulations which are unnecessary, unreasonable, or overly broad as to scope or cost of implementation.

Every state executive branch agency is created by the state legislature – as is the agency's scope of regulatory authority. Additionally, agency regulations are granted the full force and effect of law. For this reason, the process of adopting agency regulations should be deliberate, fully transparent to the regulated industry, and be given full oversight by the Legislature.

As all authority to create law rests in the legislative branch, the Kansas Legislature should maintain final authority to review and either approve, or deny, any rule or regulation proposed by an executive agency. This regulatory review authority appropriately reflects the separation of powers set forth in our state constitution.

This resolution seeks to make positive changes to the Kansas regulatory system by returning regulatory oversight authority to the legislature which is directly answerable to Kansas voters.

This resolution promotes sound public policy. For the reasons stated, we stand in strong support of HCR 5008 and would ask this committee to pass the measure favorably.