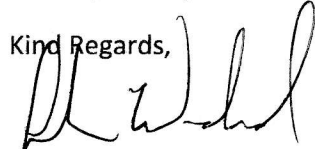


To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Alan Woodard, CEO – Kanza Coop Association
Bill Number: HB2253
Regards: **Written Proponent Testimony**
Hearing Date: February 13, 2025

I am writing as a proponent of HB2253 and the additional language that includes “grain theft” as a part of the bill. The grain warehouse industry operates their business model on very thin profit margins based off the competitive marketplace that is in place. Many of these country warehouses are located in more remote, rural areas of Kansas where the population is not dense in nature. Therefore, the traffic in and around these facilities is minimal. Having this additional language in HB2253 will help to be a deterrent to theft that can occur costing grain companies thousands of dollars. Current criminal penalties that are in place are often too low for District Attorneys to give priority to prosecute. This language will be a measure that can stop the bad actors from committing theft at these facilities. Please give your approval to HB2253, inclusive with the grain theft language, so that our industry can avoid this unnecessary economic penalty as we operate our facilities.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Woodard', written over the printed name.

Alan Woodard