

**Date: February 11, 2025**

**Re: HB 2201- Written Only Proponent**

**To: House Transportation, Chairman Francis**

**From: Claudia Hissong, Kansas Farm Bureau**

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Chairman Francis and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on HB 2201. My name is Claudia Hissong, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) members. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

Our members and leadership strongly support the Kansas FFA Foundation and youth development that occurs through the FFA organization. KFB policy states "*we continue to give our strong support to agricultural education and leadership training programs, which prepare youth for careers in agriculture and agri-business.*" As farmers, ranchers and community leaders our members have witnessed firsthand the impact FFA has on young people, preparing them to become leaders, innovators, and active citizens in Kansas and beyond. The Kansas FFA Foundation plays a pivotal role in fostering an environment where our youth can develop critical skills that are vital to agriculture and daily life. Through programs and initiatives supported by the Foundation, FFA members gain hands-on experience and valuable leadership training that equips them to excel in their future careers and have an impact on their communities.

The Kansas FFA Foundation offers our youth educational experiences, the development of important skills, and the opportunity to grow as leaders in agriculture and beyond. Passage of HB 2201 will allow for Kansans to show their support for the Kansas FFA Foundation and proudly display their commitment to agriculture education and youth development in Kansas.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2201 and we ask for your support of the bill.