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To: House Committee on Water
From: Randy Stookey, Senior Vice President & General Counsel
Re: Joint, Written, Proponent Testimony on House Bill 2558, increasing the amount of money transferred from the state general fund to the state water plan fund.

Chairman Minnix and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2558. This testimony is submitted jointly on behalf of Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association (Renew Kansas).

KGFA is the state association of the grain storage, processing, and shipping industry in Kansas, with membership representing 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in Kansas. KARA is an agribusiness trade association whose membership includes hundreds of companies across the state. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the Kansas biofuels processing industry.

Our member grain elevators, biofuel processing plants, and agribusiness facilities serve the Kansas agricultural sector – our state’s single largest economic driver – and employ thousands of Kansans across the state. These industries also function as good corporate citizens, benefiting the state and paying millions of dollars in taxes annually, supporting schools and local government.

House Bill 2558 advances the funding provisions for the State Water Plan previously adopted by HB 2032. As agriculture depends on access to water resources, we support full funding of the State Water Plan. The funding proposed in this bill would provide necessary investment in our state’s water resources and water infrastructure to safeguard the health, vitality, and continuation of agriculture and rural communities.

This bill will enable Kansans and the agricultural sector to implement the conservation practices required to extend the life of Kansas water resources for decades to come. Such public investment is necessary to ensure water is available in our state for future generations.

Many of the projects funded by the State Water Plan require significant investment. Our members support the use of state general funds for these projects rather than increasing fees on the agricultural industry – some of which are already the highest in our region.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2558, which represents sound public policy and furthers critical investment in our state’s water resources. We respectfully request that the committee pass the bill out favorably.