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To: Senate Committee on Commerce
From: Randy Stookey, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs & General Counsel
Re: **Joint Written Opponent Testimony on Senate Bill 229, providing for the termination of all current and new occupational licensing requirements adopted by an agency or enacted by the legislature after five years unless extended by a joint resolution of the legislature, requiring adoption of new occupational licensing requirements by a state agency be approved by joint resolution of the legislature, providing for notice to agencies and the legislature, and for a procedure for legislative review of such licensing requirements**

Chairman Alley and members of the Senate Commerce Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 229. This testimony is submitted by Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA) and Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA).

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing, and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state.

KARA is a statewide agribusiness industry trade association with membership including over 700 companies across Kansas that provide agricultural goods, services, and crop consultation to Kansas farmers.

In our work with Kansas farmers to provide crop inputs and receive and store raw ag commodities, KGFA and KARA members are heavily regulated by state agencies and are required to maintain various occupational licenses and certifications.

Senate Bill 229 proposes to, *inter alia*, terminate all new and existing occupational license requirements by state agencies, after five years, unless otherwise extended by the legislature.

Many of these licenses and certifications are required by federal law. Repealing those licenses and certifications would likely jeopardize Kansas' ability to regulate our industries, which would mean our members would, instead, be directly regulated by federal government agencies and regulators.

Removal of the state's administrative authority to license and regulate our industry would cause market disruption in the agribusiness industry and create an untenable circumstance for our members. The action would make regulatory compliance more cumbersome and more costly. It would also cause delays in regulatory transactions and create a less favorable regulatory environment for our industry and others.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment in opposition to this bill. For the reasons stated, we would strongly oppose SB 229 and would ask the committee to take no further action on the bill.