

Date: January 29, 2025

Re: SB 17- Written Proponent

To: Senate Transportation Committee, Chairman Petersen

From: Claudia Hissong, Kansas Farm Bureau

Chairman Petersen and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on SB 17. 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.

SB 17 provides a flexibility for agriculture producers during harvest when getting crops from the field to market or storage. Harvest is a window of time when farmers are working long hours to get crops out of the fields and into on farm storage or the facility where they are marketing their grain. Often, farmers are constrained by weather to get this work completed in a tight time frame. The flexibility to increase truck weights during this time allows farmers to get crops out of the fields in a safe and timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 17 and we ask for your support of the bill.