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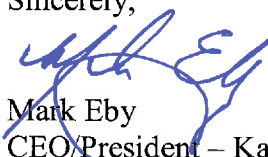
My name is Mark Eby. I am the President/CEO of the Kansas Humane Society in Wichita Kansas. KHS is the largest shelter in Kansas with over 15,000 animals under our care in 2016. We found homes for 10,330 and had a live release rate of 87%. Our yearly budget is around \$4M, all of which is funded through private donations and services. We partner with over 100 rescues to try and find additional homes for unwanted animals, and provide low cost spay/neutering and microchipping for almost 2,000 animals per year,

I ask you today to move **SB47** forward to the full house with amendments that were passed by the Senate 34-5. We believe the bill will be good for the State of Kansas and should be forwarded for a vote. The items below are extremely important for the well-being of our animals.

- Make licensees accountable and charge a fee for re-inspections, no contacts or refusal visits and failing an inspection.
- Licensees should not be notified of an inspection unless they have not failed inspections for three years.
- Licensees that fail 3 inspections in 24 months should have their license revoked.
- Increase the cost to fosters to \$20. These additional fees should be used for more inspections.
- Access to medical records. Provide Inspectors for the Department of Agriculture the appropriate tools to perform their jobs
- Premise inspection schedule. Defining the frequency schedule of inspections in the statute, based on performance history of a premise.
- Offsite adoptions. Adoption events off of the premise of shelters and rescues is critical in getting animals adopted into permanent loving homes and gives them other avenues for adoption.

I hope you will move this bill forward with amendments to help the Dept. of Ag. protect the health, safety and welfare of companion animals in Ks. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mark Eby
CEO/President – Kansas Humane Society

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