

January 28, 2018

Re: HB 2477
House Agriculture Committee

Dear Chair Hoffman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing you today to ask that you oppose HB 2477.

My name is Randi Carter and I am the owner of All Dogs Bark N Play and a Board Member for Beauties and Beasts, Inc., Wichita, Kansas.

I don't know how familiar you are with the shelters and rescues here in Wichita, Kansas, but I can tell you from first-hand experience that the number of animals being surrendered, dumped, abused, neglected and abandoned has been overwhelming.

Beauties and Beasts Rescue is a non-profit organization. Our rescue is operated by volunteers who have full time jobs and we are funded by YOUR constituents. It is YOUR constituents who have been bearing the burden of the costs of taking care of these abandoned animals across the state of Kansas and respectfully, I am disappointed to find out that instead of talking about how to correct the inefficiencies of the Animal Facility Inspection Program (AFI), we are here to talk about raising the fees for those who are struggling every day to help our community and animals.

How do I explain this to the 44,000 Facebook followers we have?

Last year, your constituents made it known that raising fees is not the answer. The Legislators heard us and in fact, there is currently a legislative post audit on the AFI program. I ask you to oppose HB 2477 and postpone any legislative action until you have studied the Legislative Post Audit report.

Sincerely,

/s/ Randi Carter

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