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**Testimony in Support of HB 2564 to
The House Water and Environment Committee
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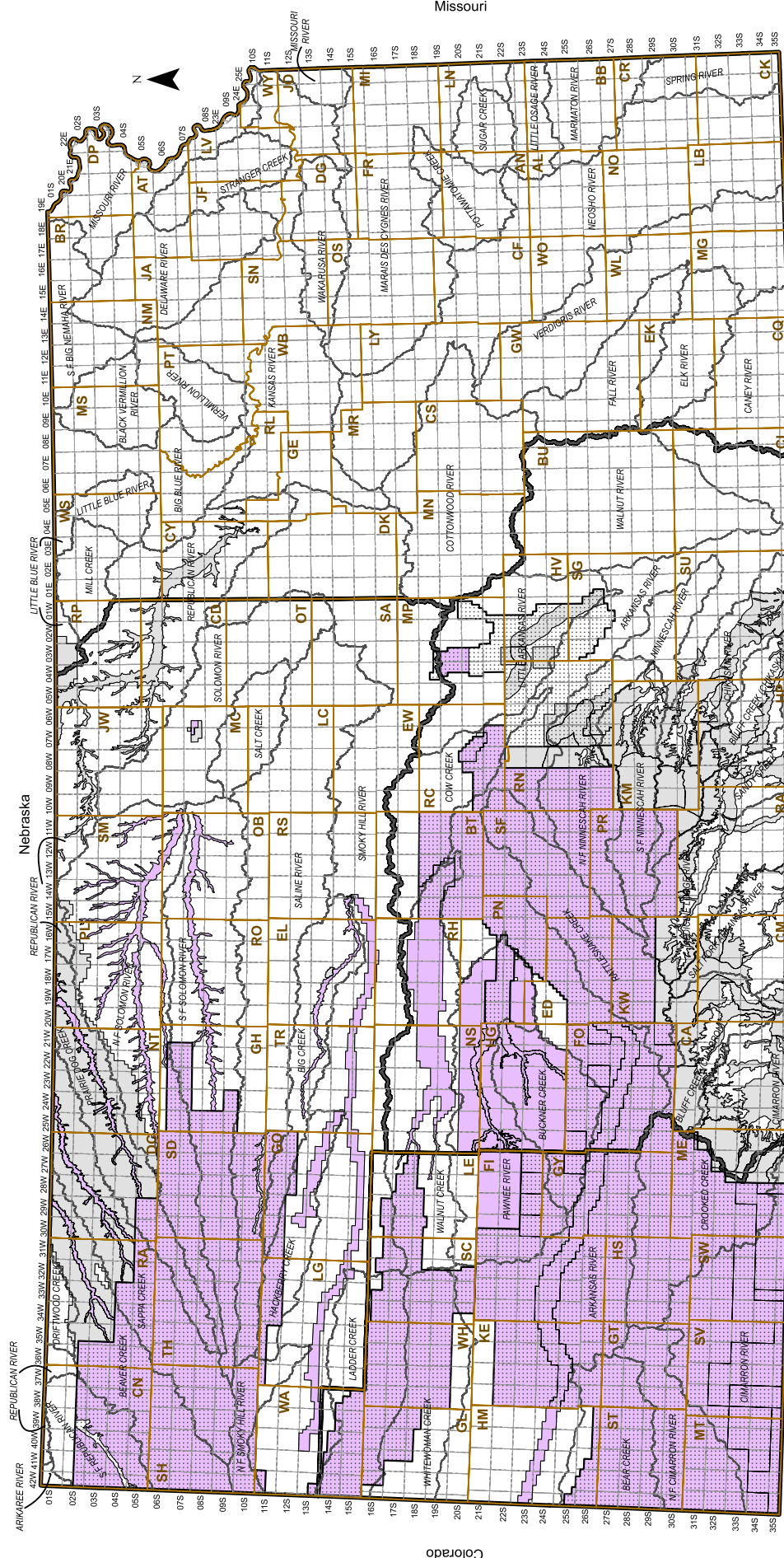
Good morning Chairman Sloan and members of the committee, my name is Lane Letourneau and I serve as the Water Appropriations program manager at the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2564.

Identifying and promoting the most efficient system technologies for use by Kansas irrigators is an important component of the *Long-Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas*. With that also comes a responsibility to reduce the use of less efficient technologies such as end guns.

To date, end gun removal has been promoted as a voluntary practice through cost share or other management programs. Requiring the removal of end guns to address water supply concerns has not been feasible because the state and groundwater management districts (GMDs) lack the authority to order this corrective control. HB 2564 would provide the opportunity to require the removal of end guns and prohibit their future use in areas that are either fully appropriated, closed to new appropriations, or within the boundaries of a GMD. In certain areas, and in combination with other existing programs, this authority could be an effective tool in improving a region's long-term water supply.

Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony. I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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