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Dear Chairman Kerschen and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

I write to you today in opposition of SB 405, as I'm afraid of allowing more chicken CAFOs with lesser or no required separation distance from neighbors.

I lived in the Garden City, KS area from 1997 to 2009. During my time there, my job was reading rural electric meters all around Finney, Kearney and Scott Counties. As you know, that area is full of feedlots, hog barns and slaughterhouses. There may have been chicken CAFO's that I wasn't aware of. During my time there, I developed respiratory and other illnesses. The air smelled awful and the water was nasty. After I moved to the Clearwater, KS area, my health issues cleared up. I no longer have to take inhaled asthma meds or headache pills. I am terrified that CAFO's will invade Sedgwick County. I am 62 years old, too old to move and start over again.

Not only do these methods use up precious water resources, and pollute the air and ground where they are, they also produce meat that isn't healthy for us to eat. The cruelty to the animals and the unsafe, low wage jobs that come with these places are other reasons to keep them from establishing any more locations in our state. We do not need to produce toxic, cheap meat at the expense of our precious water resources and our clean air. We can't let Kansas go the way of Iowa with all their CAFO's. And as a property owner and taxpayer, I should be allowed to vote on whether some monstrosity like this is allowed to set up shop in my community.

Thanks,

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