



March 6, 2018

Re: HB 2477

Senate Agriculture Committee

PROPONENT ORAL TESTIMONY

Dear Chair Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

I am writing you today to ask that you SUPPORT HB 2477 as amended by the full House.

My name is Kimberly Pugliese and I am a Board Member for Beauties and Beasts, Inc., Wichita, Kansas. Beauties and Beasts, Inc. is a non-profit rescue with more than 48,000 supporters. We rescue Death Row animals at shelters in danger of euthanasia and place them in adopter or foster homes. We do not discriminate against breed, age, medical or behavior ... we love them all the same.

Unannounced inspections maintain the integrity of the Animal Facility Inspection Program to ensure licensees stay in compliance. We are a puppy mill state and people are horrified when they find out. We need compliance and enforcement in order to hold all licensees accountable to live up to their responsibilities under the AFI Program.

Every day in an animal's life counts. Please SUPPORT HB 2477 as amended by the full House to protect the health, safety and welfare of Kansas companion animals.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Pugliese
Board Member, Beauties and Beasts, Inc.
Wichita, Kansas