

March 6, 2018

RE: HB 2477 PROPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Dear Chair Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

I am writing you today to ask that you Approve **HB 2477** as amended by the Full House, relating to the Kansas Pet Animal Act.

My name is Shanti Leiker, I am an animal owner and I volunteer at a local animal rescue organization.

The Kansas Pet Animal Act is important to me as a pet owner and a supporter of our local shelter and a volunteer rescue organization because it adds validity to the current inspection system. The update to this current bill allowing unannounced inspections for all licensees is important because giving 24-hour notice allows breeders to hide deplorable conditions and remove sick or injured animals before an inspection could take place. Additionally, the amended act includes no licensing requirements for shelter and rescue animal foster homes incentivizing individuals to provide a safe home environment until permanent placement can be found. Please say yes to this amended **HB 2477**.

I ask you to approve **HB 2477**. Reducing the heads up of a pending inspection may help make breeders improve the quality of life for the animals they breed for profit.

Respectfully,

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