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My name is Judy Dieker and I am the Executive Director of the Humane Society of the Flint Hills in Emporia, Kansas. I have held this position for 11 years. As Executive Director I also oversee the daily operations of the Emporia Animal Shelter. The Emporia Animal Shelter is the only animal shelter within Lyon County and has been functioning for more years than I can remember.

I am writing to support HB 2477 as amended by the full House. I feel that the amendments are excellent. I agree that no notice should be given prior inspections. This eliminates the ability of shelters and rescues to prepare for an inspection, thus allowing inspectors to see how the shelter functions on a day-to-day basis.

Foster homes are a much needed component for animal shelters. They provide assistance for animals, whatever the reason, that need to be in a home setting and away from the activity and noise of the shelter.

Once again, I wholeheartedly support HB 2477.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Dieker, Executive Director