



To: Representative Ron Highland
Members of the House Agriculture Committee
From: Dick Stoffer
Hy-Vee, Inc.
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RE: Written Testimony in Support of HB 2464

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support for House Bill 2464, which clarifies the Kansas Egg Law.

I am Dick Stoffer, State Government Relations Director for Hy-Vee, Inc. Hy-Vee ranks among the top 25 supermarket chains and the top 50 private companies in the United States. Hy-Vee has more than 245 stores located in eight midwestern states: Kansas, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Hy-Vee supports HB 2464, clarifying the repacking requirements for retailers set forth in the 2018 Kansas Egg Law. The necessity for repacking occurs in the event that a carton on the shelf is found damaged, dirty, or found to contain one or more broken eggs.

Under the existing law, labelling and record-keeping requirements apply not only to Grade B eggs, but Grade A and Grade AA as well. HB 2464 appropriately applies current labeling and reporting provisions only to those eggs that cannot be graded higher than Grade B.

HB 2464 brings Kansas into align with USDA regulations that allows retail grocery outlets to repackage eggs. This allows grocers to safely save a large number of eggs that are currently going to waste.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to provide written support and respectfully request that the committee pass HB 2464 favorably out of committee.

Respectfully,

Dick Stoffer