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Senate Agriculture Committee

Senator Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

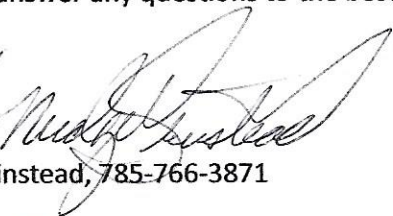
Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding Senate Bill 117. I am the Kansas Senior State Director for the Humane Society of the United States and I'm pleased to be able to support this bill on behalf of our supporters and advocates.

Senate Bill 117 accomplishes a good objective by treating cats and dogs as companion animals and not livestock. I commend the Mid-America Alliance for Animals and the Kansas Department of Agriculture for taking this step to promote companion animal health and to remove the burden put on shelters and rescues in Kansas to euthanize animals that could otherwise be treated in a stress-free environment or adopted without consequence to other animals.

Kansas currently is the only state that doesn't allow the adoption or transfer of FIV positive non-symptomatic cats. Shelters and rescues in Kansas must make the difficult decision have to keep them on the premises or euthanize them.

On behalf of our members, supporters and advocates, I ask that you support Senate Bill 117. I would be happy to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,



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