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Testimony for Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
in Support of SB 286

From Sheila Lowrie, Corporate Affairs Manager, Dillons Stores

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee:

On behalf of Dillons and our 11,500 employees in 63 stores across the state of Kansas, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to your committee. Dillons was incorporated in Kansas in 1921 and will celebrate our 100th year next year.

We write in support of SB 286.

As you are aware, SB 286 would extend the sunset of the underground storage tank and aboveground storage tank fund from 2024 to 2034. Additionally, it would increase the fund liability maximum to \$2,000,000 from \$1,000,000.

While Dillons no longer owns the Kwik Shop stores seen across Kansas, we do have fuel centers at several of our Dillons locations in Kansas. We are looking at increasing these locations as a response to customer demands.

SB 286 is necessary because the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) can reasonably predict a need to extend the program through at least 2034 due to the number of sites across Kansas. Extensions have happened previously with this program and it's prudent to do so again.

Further, increasing the maximum liability amount is wise because the installation, implementation, and maintenance of remedial systems cost significantly more than it did 20 years ago. The easiest sites to clean up have already been addressed; the harder sites remain, which increases the cost.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony as a proponent on behalf of SB 286 and thank you for your consideration.

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