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Testimony for Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
in Support of SB 287

From Sheila Lowrie, Dillons

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 287.

As you know, SB 287 would extend the sunset of the program to help replace single wall tanks with secondary containment and also allows for reimbursement of \$100,000 for work completed between July 1, 2020 and 2030.

With the passage of the Federal Energy Act in 2005, tank owners with single wall tanks are now required to upgrade to double wall tanks. The cost of doing so is significant: \$300,000 to \$400,000 per site. Rural refueling sites would be hit hardest due to the low volume and ability to recoup costs.

The state program has been successful so far. Since it's inception in 2015, 25 facilities have participated in this program with the result of removing 84 old single wall underground storage tanks and replacing them with 86 new double wall underground storage tanks. This is a win for business owners and the citizens of our state.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony as a proponent on behalf of SB 287 and thank you for your consideration.

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