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To: Senate Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
Senator Dan Kerschen, Chair

From: Dean Klahr, Director of Stockgrowers Division, Kansas Livestock Association

Re: **SCR 1614, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting Kansas farmers and ranchers in the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin in their ongoing effort to protect their water rights and livelihood through a collaborative solution to the region's water impairment issue that will safeguard Kansas agriculture and the economic success of Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusiness**

Date: February 17, 2020

The Kansas Livestock Association (KLA), formed in 1894, is a trade association representing nearly 5,500 members on legislative and regulatory issues. KLA members are involved in many aspects of the livestock industry, including seed stock, cow-calf, and stocker cattle production; cattle feeding; dairy production; swine production; grazing land management; and diversified farming operations.

Chairman Kerschen and members of the Committee, KLA supports SCR 1614 and appreciates the efforts of the legislature to advocate for a collaborative solution between private landowners and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in regard to impairment of the Service's water right at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. KLA Believes there are commonsense solutions that would avoid detrimental effects to the region's rural economy while ensuring sufficient water for all users.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit KLA's views to the Committee. KLA asks the Committee to pass SCR 1614 favorably.