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**Neutral Testimony for HB 2464
to the Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
by Kelsey Olson, Deputy Secretary
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Good morning Chairman Kerschen and members of the committee. I am Kelsey Olson and I serve as the Deputy Secretary for the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). Thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral testimony regarding House Bill 2464.

HB 2464 provides changes to the existing egg laws by removing unnecessary labeling and record keeping requirements for properly repacked Grade A eggs while keeping in place procedures that ensure the public's health is protected. KDA's Food Safety and Lodging Program is responsible for administering the Kansas Egg Law (K.S.A. 2-2501 *et seq.*) and has authority to enter any place of business where eggs are held. These duties include verifying the quality of eggs packed together and helping to protect the public's health.

The proposed amendments contained in HB 2464 will allow greater flexibility for all retailers by allowing eggs to be repacked as Grade A under the proper conditions without adding unnecessary labeling requirements for eggs that can be verified as high quality. The proponents of this bill worked with KDA in developing these amendments and the bill would not affect our current inspection procedures or negatively impact the public health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on HB 2464.