

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

From: Claudia Hissong, Kansas Farm Bureau

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Re: HB 2560 - Extending certain penalties, fees and maximum amounts of fees and the expiration dates of certain programs of the Kansas Department of Agriculture

Chairman Kerschen and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2560. My name is Claudia Hissong, and I am speaking today on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB). KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

Kansas Farm Bureau believes that the provisions in this bill, extending certain penalties, fees and program expiration dates allow the Department of Agriculture to continue to provide necessary services to agriculture producers. The Department of Agriculture assists producers in raising goods in a safe and sustainable way and this bill allows that important work to continue. Additionally, KFB is appreciative to the department for these fee extension requests without fee increases.

Chairman Kerschen, thank you for the opportunity to express KFB's support of HB 2560. I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.