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Dear Members of the Senate Committee.

On the behalf of my classmates, AND OTHER KIDS OF KANSAS! I would like to thank you for inviting me here today.

Have you ever wondered why Kansas doesn't have a state fruit? Well WE HAVE! We researched four different fruits, then wrote about them, and finally voted out of all what we think the Kansas state fruit should be. Of the students who voted in Kansas, the Sandhill Plum won. Most of the other states have a state fruit. Now it's your job. We need a state fruit. We the students in Kansas would make history.

Now let's hear some FACTS about this DELICIOUS plum!

- The Sandhill Plum is native to Kansas, UNLIKE THE WATERMELON!
- The Sandhill Plum is small and when they are ripe they are reddish pink.
- You can find Sandhill plums about everywhere in Kansas.
- Sandhill plums make ABSOLUTELY GREAT in jelly and jams and if you don't believe me, ask our 5th grade classes! WE TASTED THEM! The taste is sweet and tangy. Some foods people love the jelly on include toast, biscuits, crackers and many more.

Just THINK about our history and symbols. Kansas NEEDS a state fruit. So don't just do it for the schools. Do it for Kansas and pass Bill 2644 and get a state fruit!

Sincerely,  
Emily Eaton and the kids of Kansas.