



**Before the
House Committee on Agriculture
Testimony on Senate Bill 48
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Chairman Hoffman and members of the Committee, my name is Tracy Streeter and I serve as the Director of the Kansas Water Office. I am providing written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Water Authority in support of SB 48, as it relates to remedies for impairment of water rights.

I provided testimony on behalf of the Kansas Water Authority for your Committee previously on the House version of this legislation, HB 2099, and would only add that the KWA supports the Senate version, SB 48, as amended by the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

The issue of water right impairment is one of continued importance across the State. The members of the KWA have discussed the issue at length. At the request of the Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee, they engaged in a discussion regarding this issue in December, 2015, and determined the issue to be important, complex, and worthy of closer examination. The KWA established a Sub-Committee of three members to look at this legislation, study the many questions surrounding the impairment investigation process, and participate in a broader coalition of stakeholders convened by the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) to find the best solution for all involved parties.

Thank you for the opportunity to share KWA's support of SB 48.