



To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Sen. Dan Kerschen, Chair

From: John Donley, Kansas Corn Growers Association

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Re: **SB 46** – Water Conservation Areas

Chairman Kerschen and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of SB 46. My name is John Donley, and I am providing this testimony for the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA). KCGA represents Kansas corn producers on a variety of issues that concern their members.

SB 46 will allow Water Conservation Areas to have additional flexibilities that will allow water right holders to utilize their water more efficiently while also working to conserve more water through the overall conservation goals necessary to have a Water Conservation Area. It is important that this legislation include adequate safeguards to prevent the impairment of neighboring water rights. We believe that those safeguards are in place and encourage the committee to further analyze the bill to ensure that all water rights are protected.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 46.