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Testimony
Senate Agriculture Committee
Presented by Kansas Veterinary Medical Association on S.B. 289
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Senator Taddiken and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear today and present testimony on **S.B. 289**.

The Kansas Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) represents and advocates on behalf of the Kansas veterinary profession through legislative, regulatory, educational, communications, and public awareness programs.

The KVMA respectfully requests that the Senate Agriculture Committee vote "yes" to report S.B. 289 favorably for passage.

The KVMA has thoroughly reviewed the changes in the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act found in **S.B. 289** since early September, 2011 at the committee, executive committee, and board levels and supports the bill in its entirety.

The KVMA has found over the years that the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners has always been cautious and judicious in seeking Kansas Veterinary Practice Act modifications.

The amendments to the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act found in **S.B. 289** are a result of housekeeping, updating, and practicality demands.

One change has been requested by Kansas veterinarians and two have been sought by Kansas veterinary technicians for several years.

Once again, the KVMA respectfully requests that the Senate Agriculture Committee report **S.B. 289** favorably for passage.

Respectfully submitted,
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