

February 20, 2012

Chairman Mark Taddiken and other members of the Kansas State
Agricultural Committee:

Honorable Senators:

We will be unable to attend the hearing on KS Senate Bill 414, but want
to comment on a couple of the proposed changes.

Page 14 lines 25 and 26 propose to change the definition of "dog" to
include greyhounds. For as long as we can remember, greyhounds have
been excluded from state inspections because the National Greyhound
Assn. has its own inspection program. This has been working very well
for a very long time. With budget constraints being what they are, the
State of Kansas should not be looking to take on unnecessary duties and
expenses in its inspection program. Please make no changes in this
provision of the law.

We have similar objections to the changes proposed for the meaning of
"adequate veterinary medical care" on page 16, lines 18 -20. Those of
us who come under the USDA programs have such a policy in place.
Our local vet reviews our practices every year and USDA verifies that at
each inspection. Again, it is unnecessary for the State inspectors to re-
examine our medical program. In fact, why is it necessary for them to
inspect everything USDA inspects? This is just another unnecessary
drain on State finances. Please leave this provision as it is.

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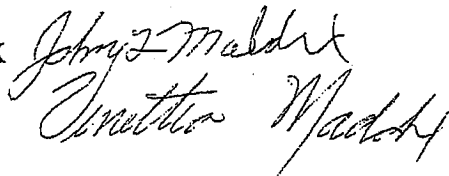
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