January 28, 2018

Re: HB 2477 House Agriculture Committee

Dear Chair Hoffman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing you today to ask that you oppose HB 2477, a bill to raise fees for the Animal Facility Inspection Program (AFI).

My name is Jessica Sherwood and I am a Board Member for K-9 Karma Animal Advocates Inc. in Wichita, Kansas.

This issue is very important to me –we cannot afford a raise in fees. The shelters and rescues in Wichita are overfull and we bear the immense burden of helping the unwanted and dumped animals that end up in our shelters for no fault of their own.

I am also very concerned about the inconsistencies and failures of the AFI program. Respectfully, I honestly do not understand why this matter is even before the Committee at this time.

I ask you to oppose HB 2477 and postpone any legislative action until you have studied the Legislative Post Audit report.

Thank you,

/s/ Jessica Sherwood

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