



To: House Agriculture Committee, Representative Kyle Hoffman, Chairman

From: Ken McCauley, Kansas Corn Growers Association

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Re: SB 405 - relating to animal conversion units; poultry facilities

Good afternoon, Chairman Hoffman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on behalf of the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA) supporting SB 405. My name is Ken McCauley. I am the current president of KCGA. KCGA is the association representing the interests of corn growers in the state of Kansas.

The corn industry relies on multiple end users of our product. Today, those industries include cattle and hog feeding operations, dairies, and ethanol production facilities. This bill will clarify existing law to include opportunities for the poultry industry that may be looking to grow in Kansas. In turn, this would provide another marketing opportunity for the producers of Kansas corn to market their product in the state with economic benefits from increased production and profit potential for Kansas farmers. Some of these corn producers and Kansas family farmers could also benefit from the ownership of poultry houses and resulting financial and income opportunities from these operations.

It is important for Kansas to ensure that the business climate is good and inviting for new opportunities within the agricultural industry. KCGA believes that the provisions in SB 405 will help to attract new agricultural business in Kansas by helping to clarify where these facilities fit in the current regulatory environment. The clarification contained in SB 405 will make it clear that Kansas welcomes new agricultural enterprises.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of SB 405 today. I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.