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Re: SB 117

Senate Agriculture Committee

Dear Chair Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

I am writing you today to ask that you **SUPPORT SB 117**. 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 are the only state in the nation that does not allow adoption or transfer of FIV positive non-symptomatic cats.

Because the law does not allow us to help adopt or transfer them out, we've had to painfully sit by and watch as hundreds of beautiful kittens and cats have been kept for their 3 day hold in our local shelter only to be euthanized for no fault of their own.

Wichita Animal Shelter currently has a high euthanasia rate for cats -30%. Animal rescues and shelters have been anxiously waiting for our lawmakers to finally pass this law so we can save more lives.

I ask you to SUPPORT SB 117.

Thank you,

/s/ Jessica Sherwood

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