



**To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; Senator Dan Kerschen, Chair**

**From: Kansans for Conservation**

**Re: HB 2302 Written-only Proponent Testimony**

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Kansans for Conservation is a coalition focused on supporting increased state funding for conservation. Our members represent a diverse cross section of Kansas organizations who all have one thing in common, a shared value for our natural heritage. We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for HB 2302.

HB 2302 provides a significant increase in funding for water conservation efforts. This funding will equip Kansans to make bold strides in securing a sustainable water source for generations of Kansans to come. Water is the foundation of Kansas ecosystems and the benefits provided by this funding will enhance all aspects of conservation. We strongly encourage the legislature to pass this bill.

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*The Kansans for Conservation coalition consists of the following members:*

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers - The Conservation Fund - Ducks Unlimited

Friends of the Kaw - Heartland Tree Alliance

Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams

Kansas Association of Conservation Districts

Kansas Association of Conservation & Environmental Education

Kansas Farm Bureau – Kansas Farmer’s Union

Kansas Forestry Association - Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition – Kansas Land Trust

Kansas Recreation & Parks Association – Kansas Rural Center

Kansas Wildlife Federation – The Nature Conservancy

Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever – Playa Lakes Joint Venture

Ranchland Trust of Kansas