AMERICAN IMPLEMENT

FEBRUARY 13 2017

RE: KANSAS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY GROWTH ACT

Attn: House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee

Dear Committee Members and Interested Parties:

As an Implement dealer in the Agricultural Industry in Southwest Kansas we have noticed a significant decline in all aspects of our business. Most of which is caused by a significant market price downturn. We feel that it is necessary for Kansas producers to have the option to grow industrial hemp in Kansas for various reasons. Economic impact for our local community and state, as well as conservation of natural resources are two major factors.

We ask that the committee give serious consideration to this matter and support HB 2182 on February 15th. Give agricultural producers the chance to make a difference in Kansas.

Sincerely

Mo Pando, Manager, American Implement, Elkhart, KS