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Dear Representative

Thank you for your dedication and service to public policy in our great state. I wish to express my support for the recently introduced HB 2182 Kansas Agricultural Industry Growth Act. As Director of Morton County Economic Development, I see the potential for growth and development in our area. This initiative will give our farmers an option to invest in alternative crops, the ability to produce Kansas sourced goods, and remain innovative in research while also being ecologically sustainable.

The regulation of growing hemp once again in Kansas for agricultural purposes will help reverse negative trends in soil depletion and erosion, water use, combined with a multitude of economic factors to help improve the state.

A hearing is scheduled for February 15th in the Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development Committee. Please consider voting YES on HB 2182 that would invest in new agricultural and industrial opportunities to provide Kansans with much needed sustainable economic growth.

Respectfully,



Vienna Lee, Director