February 13, 2017

Re: HB 2182 (The Kansas Agricultural Industry Growth Act)

Dear Committee Members and All Interested Parties,

Our names are Phil and Linda Fink and we are writing to ask you to support the Kansas Agricultural Industry Growth Act. We feel that this could be a viable option for many farmers who are struggling with the hardships caused by the supply and demand situations that we now face.

Allowing the production of Industrial Hemp would be an economical boost to the State of Kansas as well as the farmers. The economic advantages would help sustain the Tax System, the School Systems and bring new jobs to the State.

Hemp has an abundance of applications, such as, feed for cattle, building materials for houses and automobiles; it is high in nutrients allowing for better snack foods. It also reduces water consumption as it needs less water than conventional crops. It puts nutrients back into the ground, allowing for less fertilizer application and better crop rotation. There is also no need for insecticides.

With Kansas facing the budget crisis that we are plagued with, it would be a boost to each department of the State to get in on the quickly rising advances that research, production, processing and refining will bring in the way of increased revenue and jobs.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL!!!

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