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Chairman Johnson and members of the Tax Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee today in support of HB2387.

Last year, Comanche and Barber counties experienced, at that time, the largest wildfire in Kansas history - burning around 400,000 acres and destroying hundreds of miles of fence and several hundred livestock losses. After the fire, we were able to get an amendment added to a tax bill that gave those affected a rebate on the sales tax to rebuild those fences - much like what HB2387 is proposing for the fires that occurred this last week. This year's fires covered 21 counties, and including estimates from Oklahoma, approximately one million acres will have been impacted when everything is said and done. Clark and Comanche Counties alone accounts for 500,000 to 600,000 of those acres - over 60% of Clark county is black.

Having learned from last years' experience, there are a couple of issues that I would like to address.

1. I would like to see an amendment that extends the tax rebate for last year's fire damaged fences that have not been repaired. There are still some ranches, for various reasons, that have not yet finished replacing their fences.
2. If possible, moving this tax relief from a rebate to an exemption at the point of sale.

Thank you for your time and I stand for questions.

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