

**To: House Water and Environment Committee, Rep. Tom Sloan, Chairperson**  
**From: Greg Krissek, Kansas Corn Growers Association**  
**Date: February 6, 2018**  
**Re: HB 2564- Regulating the Use of End Guns**

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Good morning Chairman Sloan and members of the committee, Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA) opposing HB 2564. KCGA is the association representing the interests of corn growers in the state of Kansas.

KCGA stands opposed to HB 2564 today for many reasons. First, this legislation is unnecessary because the chief engineer and groundwater management districts (GMDs) have the authority to take the corrective control measures including the mandatory removal of end guns through existing means. These means would include intensive groundwater use control areas (IGUCAs) and local enhanced management areas (LEMAs). The IGUCA and LEMA statutes also create a process by which the GMDs and chief engineer have to follow in order to enact any corrective control provisions. This bill does not include such a process.

Additionally, this bill allows a certain type of irrigation system to be discontinued, assumingly because of lack of efficiency. However, there are many other distribution systems that may be considered by some to be even more inefficient than end guns. Therefore, it begs the question, “what’s next???”

Finally, this legislation is simply misguided because it attempts to take/alter a property right without any process or compensation. This is a slippery slope that KCGA feels the legislature should avoid.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in opposition to HB 2564. KCGA encourages the committee to leave this bill in committee and not take actions to make this policy become law.