

March 6, 2018

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, et al.  
Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
Kansas State Senate  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: HB 2477 PROPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting my written testimony to implore your support in the welfare of Kansas animals, the health of Kansas residents, and in our great state becoming a little less friendly to puppy mills and irresponsible breeders. I request you to please **VOTE YES** in favor of **HB 2477**, as amended by the full House.

I believe these amendments serve to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the Animal Facility Inspection Program, while maintaining fairness by:

- Rightly leveraging fines against violators who contribute to a budget deficit via failed inspections, no-contact and re-inspections.
- Only a moderate increase in shelter fees, rather than an exaggerated increase in foster licensure fees to the detriment of non-profits, and the animals and communities they serve.
- Denying the complete dilution of licensure fees, which would only facilitate and conceal cases of animal abuse and neglect upon premises unhindered from inspection.
- Prioritizing the health, welfare, and safety of companion animals and Kansas residents, in disavowing the unethical practice of prior notice on inspections to ALL licensees.

Please SUPPORT a healthier, more humane and economically fiscal Kansas by **VOTING YES** in favor of **HB 2477**, as amended by the full House.

Respectfully yours,

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