

Chairman Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

My name is Judy Carman, and I am sending written testimony today as a strong proponent of HB 2477 as amended by the full House. It improves the Animal Facility Inspection program so that companion animals have more protections. There is a great need for foster homes to help companion animals who are waiting for a permanent home. Not requiring licenses for shelter and rescue foster homes is an excellent part of the bill. An additional part of the bill requires a fee to be charged for failed inspections, re-inspections and no contact. This will encourage facilities being inspected to work harder to meet requirements. Thank you, Judy Carman, co-founder Animal Outreach of Kansas