



PROPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

March 6, 2018

Re: HB 2477

Senate Agriculture Committee

Dear Chair Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to ask that you **VOTE YES ON HB 2477**, as amended by the full House. It has been vitally essential to change our Animal Facilities Inspection program, as demonstrated by the recent years of continued budget failures and inefficiencies. The amendments proposed have been long-needed and will make an enormous impact in multiple ways:

- Enforcing fines and penalties for violators is a reasonable and fair method to eliminate budget loss and drain on manpower from continuous no contacts, violations, and re-inspections.
- Eliminating prior notice given promotes the well-being and health of companion animals, by exposing inhumane treatment -- rather than allowing hidden violations to flourish
- Deterring regulation and licensing only perpetuates animal abuse and neglect, allowing for-profit breeders to hide large numbers of animals with unlicensed persons at uninspected facilities, free of restriction or fear of getting caught.

I urge you to **VOTE YES ON HB 2477**, as amended by the full House, and help transform the lives of not only companion animals, but the lives of Kansas residents as well.

Respectfully,

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