

To: House Appropriations Committee, Representative Troy Waymaster, Chairperson

From: John Donley, Kansas Farm Bureau

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Re: HB 2536- Written only Testimony Supporting HB 2536

Chairman Waymaster and Members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) in support of HB 2536. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

KFB is generally interested in Section 4 of HB 2536. Specifically, KFB supports the provision that would allow an individual who plugs an abandoned oil and gas well the potential to be reimbursed from the abandoned oil and gas well fund. We believe any policy encouraging additional plugging of abandoned oil and gas wells is beneficial to landowners and the state of Kansas as a whole.

In conclusion, KFB is supportive of HB 2536 and encourages this committee to move the bill out favorably for passage.