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Written Testimony IN FAVOR of HCR 5009

Dear Honorable Legislators of the Committee,

I am a fourth generation farmland owner and ex-farmer in southwest Kansas. I have now worked in the Natural Gas industry for the last 20 years. Being involved in two industries that are heavily impacted by outside forces, I have seen many examples of federal government overreach into areas that are better regulated by the individual States.

One example of nonsensical and overreaching federal regulations was the Federal regulation of "wetlands" by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. In Semi-Arid Southwest Kansas, they tried to regulate every low spot that could be identified. Low spots in fields that held water for a few days a year, might have been mandated to be taken out of production permanently.

One example in the Oil & Gas industry is the Keystone Pipeline delay, for apparent political purposes. Some regulation is necessary, but this would be much better and more efficiently regulated at the State level.

The United STATES of America was established as a Republic with extremely limited Federal involvement and maximum STATE level governance. As a parent and grandparent, I have experienced first hand and lamented the slow but steady intrusion of the federal government into our lives. Unnecessary intrusion into the Education system, Agriculture, Energy, the Health Care industry, etc.

There is no greater tool that our Founding Fathers gave us to control the Federal government than the phrase inserted unanimously into Art V in the final days before signing of the Constitution.

Please vote for HCR 5009 and count Kansas as one of the 34 states with the lofty goal to reassert the Founding principles of State Self Governance as intended by our Founding Fathers.

Respectfully,

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