

To: House Agriculture Committee, Representative Ken Rahjes, Chair

From: John Donley, Kansas Farm Bureau

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Re: HB 2531 - Concerning counties and townships; relating to rights-of-way

Chairman Rahjes and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2531. Kansas Farm Bureau (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.

HB 2531 is an attempt to ensure that certain agricultural activities would have access to county road rights-of-way subject to county commission approval. The bill sets out the procedure by which this type of activity could occur.

There is likely to be suggested amendments to the bill. KFB would recommend that the bill be amended in a manner that provides the necessary safeguards to protect the public interest, but the general policy of allowing these types of activities should still be allowed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.