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To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Rep. John Barker, Chair

From: Jackie Newland, Associate Counsel, Kansas Livestock Association

Re: **SB 34 - AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; relating to automatic sunset, exceptions thereto; renewal by legislature; certification by revisor of statutes; requirements for adoption of rules and regulations.**

Date: March 9, 2022

The Kansas Livestock Association (KLA), formed in 1894, is a trade association representing over 5,700 members on legislative and regulatory issues. KLA members are involved in many aspects of the livestock industry, including seed stock, cow-calf, and stocker cattle production; cattle feeding; dairy production; swine production; grazing land management; and diversified farming operations.

Thank you, Chairman Barker and members of the Committee, for the opportunity to present KLA's views on SB 34. KLA supports this bill as it stands today and its efforts to reduce the regulatory burden on agriculture.

KLA members believe in free market policies that reduce unnecessary regulations on the agriculture industry. However, KLA members also value predictability and consistency despite changes in government philosophy. For this reason, KLA opposed the original language of SB 34. While there are certain regulations that should be reviewed and repealed, some regulations are supported by industry and protect cattle producers from bad actors. In addition, some rules allow the state to be delegated federal regulatory powers, like the Kansas Department of Health and Environment under the Clean Water Act. We do not want these authorities to lapse and regulation to fall back to federal agencies. Since that time, the bill was amended to simply impose a review of regulations as opposed to a sunset. For this reason, KLA supports the current version of SB 34.

KLA believes this bill as it stands would provide helpful solutions to reduce the regulatory burden on agriculture that do not result in a mass expiration of all regulations. Thank you for the opportunity to submit KLA's support for Substitute for SB 34.