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Senator Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

Re: SB 269 - Dangerous Regulated Animals Act in Kansas.

My name is Tam Singer and I am CEO Great Plains SPCA a no-kill animal shelter in Merriam, Kansas serving nearly 4,000 community pets annually and serving seven municipalities in Johnson County including Overland Park, Leawood, Shawnee, Lenexa, Lake Quivia, Johnson County Parks and Johnson County Sheriff. Great Plains SPCA works to save, protect, and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, community outreach and behavior and training.

Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports Senate Bill 269 that opposes the ownership of exotic animals including primates and wolves by individuals.

Wild animals not only do not make good pets but pose severe risks to human safety and are able to transmit zoonotic disease. Often the ability to care for these wild animals by individual leads to the animals being confined into inadequate spaces that do not enable them to live their normal lives.

There are numerous reasons to oppose ownership of wild animals and I ask that you consider supporting this Bill.

Thank you,

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