Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Dear Senator Kerchen and Committee members RE: Oppose Senate Bill 551

As a member of the Pet Advisory Committee, I ask that you oppose Senate Bill 551 and the intent to move the Animal Facilities Inspection Program to its own division. I have been the veterinary representative on the Advisory Committee for several years.

I strongly feel that the AFI Program should be part of the Animal Health Department because this Department has the concern for the health, safety, and welfare of all Kansas animals. I also strongly feel that the director of the AFI Program should be a veterinarian.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope you vote to oppose Senate Bill 551.

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