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SB 3 - Proponent Testimony

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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the tremendous honor of being here with you today. I was very lucky to grow up hearing about the dinosaur found on our family farm and spending a lot of my childhood reliving the events of the incredible discovery.

My grandfather Warren Condray lived a full & exciting life until the age of 97. He always enjoyed spending his time with family and telling stories to his grandchildren. A life-long farmer and rancher here in rural Kansas, he defined hard work and farming innovation; being one of the first in North Central Kansas to terrace his fields and grow Conservation Reserve Program grass, better known as CRP. He was also always very knowledgeable about surrounding nature, always being able to identify different species of wildlife that he encountered. I often describe him as this – my Grandpa was a Ford truck drivin', ice cream lovin', tough as nails, world famous dinosaur hunter and cookie monster.

In closing, I am very proud to have my principal and students with me today, both sharing in the experience and also testifying before you.