



Kansas Corn Growers Association

TO: Senate Agriculture Committee

FROM: Sue Schulte

SUBJECT: Testimony regarding HB2451

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On behalf of the grower members of the Kansas Corn Growers Association, I would like to submit this testimony in favor of HB 2451. This bill would eliminate the "Use it or lose it" clause in for groundwater rights in areas closed to new water right development.

We see this as a positive step toward improving our Kansas water laws. This bill would give growers a tool to conserve water without penalty. It simply makes sense.

Much of our state's corn production relies on irrigation from the Ogallala Aquifer, and our growers are very interesting in wise use of this important resource. HB2451 provides an excellent tool for conservation.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill, and encourage the committee to support House Bill 2451.