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To: Senate Agriculture Committee

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We operate a small kennel in rural Kansas and are writing today in connection to Senate Bill #57. We believe that the proposed fee increases are excessive and would produce real hardships for a majority of producers. Some would very likely be forced to close their business, thus losing their means of livelihood. Most people are already struggling in the current economy, and we want to do our best for our animals and our families. We don't believe that this law was ever intended to be fee funded. The tax paying citizens approved this law and so should pay the larger portion with taxes through State General Fund monies. If there is a legitimate need to increase fees, we ask that you keep it to a reasonable amount of no more than 25%.

Another important note is that a one-time late fee of \$100.00 is sufficient. It is not reasonable for a business to pay that amount each month until they can renew their license and again sell their animals.

Our final point concerns the Advisory Board which should be appointed by the Governor. The purposed change could very likely promote a conflict of interest and/or include appointees who really don't represent the people involved. We believe that those appointed should remain private citizens so they can bring that unique perspective to the board. Kansas really does not need the federal government determining what is best for Kansas citizens.

Thank you for your efforts for our state and our economy.

Clair and Susan Carlisle