



**Before the
House Committee on Agriculture
Testimony on Senate Bill 46
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Chairman Hoffman and members of the Committee, my name is Tracy Streeter and I serve as the Director of the Kansas Water Office. I wish to provide written testimony in support of SB 46, legislation to amend the law as it concerns Water Conservation Areas.

I provided testimony before your Committee previously on the House version of this legislation, HB 2100, and would only add that I support the Senate version, SB 46, as amended by the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. The bill continues to move us closer to our goal of more of these conservation tools in the Ogallala region.

I also believe this legislation continues to protect against a concern among some regarding WCAs – the potential for water right impairment of adjacent water right holders. The legislation clearly states in Section 2, paragraph g, *“No management plan authorized under a water conservation area shall be allowed to impair any water right.”*

I appreciate the opportunity to share my support of SB 46.