



February 12, 2019  
House Judicial Committee

Representative Patton and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to submit written testimony for today's hearing concerning and in SUPPORT of House Bill 2206. Wichita Animal Action League (WAAL) is a non-profit animal rescue in Sedgwick County, KS. My written testimony is on behalf of the hundreds of supporters of WAAL and those throughout the state who are in favor of HB 2206.

HB 2206 seeks to bridge a gap in the Kansas Animal Cruelty statute and allow law enforcement to more easily seek to recover the high costs associated with caring for animals seized after abuse and/or neglect is discovered.

Other testimony will explain further the issues in enforcement and in obtaining costs under the Cost of Animal Care section in the Animal Cruelty Statute. Recent cases in Kansas have shown that the revisions in HB 2206 are needed to recover funds expended for animal care; specifically, allowing a petition for relinquishment in the county in which the animals were seized.

HB 2206 will also correct a renewable cash bond issue and will allow funds to go to the entities that incurred costs in the housing and care of the animals.

I ask that you SUPPORT and pass HB 2206. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Rescue on,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Coffman', is written over the typed name.

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