

To: House Taxation Committee, Representative Steven Johnson, Chairperson

From: John Donley, Kansas Farm Bureau

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Re: HB 2460- Written only Testimony Supporting HB 2460

Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) in support of HB 2460. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

KFB policy states that "Kansas should provide tax incentives and other appropriate assistance to railroad companies that agree to upgrade rail lines and provide long-term service to shippers." HB 2460 is directly on-point with this policy position.

Generally, KFB is supportive of the most efficient means of moving our commodities to markets around the world safely. KFB feels that adequate rail service is an important part of achieving that goal. The railroad industry has long been a good partner to the agricultural industry over the years. KFB feels that this bill will help these companies increase efficiencies in the transportation marketplace. This will, in turn, help Kansas farmers and ranchers.

In conclusion, KFB is supportive of HB 2460 and encourages this committee to move the bill out favorably for passage.