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Senate Agriculture Committee – SB 117

Senator Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

My name is Carla Lewis and I am the president of the Kansas Animal Control Association. I am unable to make the committee hearing in person but wanted to let you know that we support SB 117.

We have worked with multiple advocates for the past five years to allow adoption and transfer of ill cats and dogs in Kansas. In particular, cats that test positive for FIV are either to be kept by local shelters and rescues or humanely euthanized.

The Department of Agriculture had the approval for adoption or transfer of FIV positive, non-symptomatic cats in proposed regulations but at the last moment pulled them out. That change had been approved by the Attorney General's office, but was still removed.

SB 117 is an important step forward for companion animal welfare and will allow shelters, rescues and animal control agencies to help all dogs and cats in their care.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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