

Before the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
by Zack Pistora, Kansas Sierra Club
Proponent to SB 38
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Chairman Kerschen and Honorable Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 38, which creates the Kansas Pesticide Waste Disposal program and establishes funding for its implementation.

A program aimed at safely disposing of pesticide chemicals is a worthy effort and can benefit the people of Kansas and our environment.

The Kansas Sierra Club acknowledges the potential harm to our ecosystems and public health if chemical pesticides are not disposed of properly. The legislation proposed in SB 38 represents a *thoughtful* approach to enabling farmers and businesses to put unused/unusable chemicals in their appropriate disposal location; not out in the field, not down the drain, or other methods that put our natural ecosystems, waters, or land at risk.

Pass SB 38 for increased safety and ecological health.

Lawmakers, thank you for your leadership and public service to Kansas.

Sincerely,

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The Sierra Club is the largest grassroots environmental organization dedicated to preserving, protecting, and enjoying our great outdoors. The Kansas Chapter represents our state's strongest grassroots voice on environmental matters for more than forty years now.