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To: Senate Committee on Agriculture
From: Randy Stookey, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs
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RE: Proponent Joint Testimony on SB 287, amending the Kansas storage tank act by extending the expiration of certain reimbursement provisions to 2030 and increasing the underground storage tank replacement reimbursement maximum

Chairman Kerschen and members of the Committee on Agriculture, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 287. This testimony is submitted jointly on behalf of Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association (Renew Kansas).

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing, and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is an agribusiness industry trade association with membership of over 700 companies across Kansas. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the Kansas biofuels industry in Kansas. Members of each of these associations fall under the regulatory umbrella of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Environmental Remediation.

Senate Bill 287 would amend the underground storage tank (UST) property redevelopment trust fund by extending the current sunset date (to 2030), and by increasing the maximum amount of funds that can be reimbursed per facility from \$50,000 (currently) to \$100,000.

The UST property redevelopment trust fund provides reimbursement to eligible owners of underground petroleum storage tanks who remove single-wall UST system and replace them with double-walled (secondary containment) UST system, as was required by the Federal Energy Act in 2005. Members of our Associations that operate facilities with underground petroleum storage tanks may benefit from this program as they upgrade their underground petroleum storage tanks.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 287. This is a reasonable measure, and the preservation of the UST property redevelopment trust fund is sound public policy. For these reasons, we respectfully request that the committee pass the bill out favorably.