

March 16, 2023

RE: HB 2437 PROPONENT WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Dear Chair Rahjes and Members of the Committee:

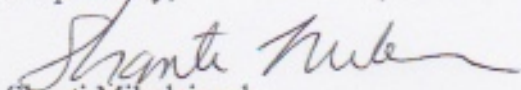
I am writing you today to ask that you Approve **HB 2437** relating to the Kansas Pet Animal Act.

My name is Shanti Mikolajczyk, I am an animal owner, a volunteer at a local animal rescue organization, and a member of the Sedgwick County Animal Control Advisory Board.

The Kansas Pet Animal Act is important to me as a pet owner and a volunteer rescue organization because it re-defines terms such as "adequate water" and "out of state distributor" which will improve how animals are cared for and who is importing animals into Kansas for retail purposes. It improves the Animal Facility Inspectors (AFI) ability to regulate companion animal breeders and cooperation with shelters and rescues when seizures and impoundments are necessary due to inadequate treatment of said animals. Overall, it allows the AFI to ensure the best management for care and wellbeing of dogs and cats. These updates to the Kansas Pet Animal Act are overdue and necessary. Please say yes to this amended **HB 2437**.

I ask you to approve **HB 2437**. Generally improving the quality of care for dogs and cats, our companion animals.

Respectfully,



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