

Date: February 14, 2024

Re: SB 389- Written Proponent

To: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Chairman Peck

From: Claudia Hissong, Kansas Farm Bureau

Chairman Peck and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on SB 389. My name is Claudia Hissong, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) members. 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.

SB 389 makes updates to the Kansas Farm Animal and Field Crop and Research Facilities Protection Act to continue protection for these facilities, but in accordance with the First Amendment. The updates to the act found within SB 389 will protect facilities from trespassers and individuals who lie on employment applications to gain access to these animal and crop facilities. These provisions are necessary to deter individuals who seek to damage these facilities by doing so through false information.

Updates to this act will provide protections to facilities that research and produce food in Kansas and contribute to the overall food supply chain. We ask you support these efforts in protecting against individual who try to access these facilities through false pretenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 389.