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Chairman Peck and Committee Members,

HB 2607 passed out of the House Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee with five amendments. It passed the house with a vote of 118 to 1. It is a very good and necessary Bill. Since passage in the House some conversations surrounding the civil penalty amendment have surfaced. The penalty portion involves many different people and businesses. I am in support of the new amendment concerning civil penalties.

The other amendments for private applicators to apply services for neighbors for barter is very helpful in my District. The amendment for Kansas Department of Agriculture to provide the initial training will improve and standardize initial training of applicators. Allowing applicators to use surety bonds also helps applicators that desire to apply on an occasional basis. This is a good strong Bill and I urge your support.

Best Regards,

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