



To: House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Sharon Schwartz, Chair

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Re: **SB 36** – Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts

Chairwoman Schwartz and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 36. My name is Greg Krissek. I am providing this testimony in my role as CEO of the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA.) KCGA represents Kansas corn producers on a variety of issues that concern our members.

Multi-year flex accounts (MYFA) are important tools that allow irrigators to conserve water while also increasing the flexibility for them to make decisions that allow them to plan crop rotations to optimize the use of their water. This bill attempts to improve an already useful tool.

The bill removes the incentive to utilize all of the remaining water at the end of a 5 year MYFA. Currently, if an irrigator has water in his MYFA account in the final year, the irrigator loses the use of any unused allocation once the term of the current MYFA expires. This bill allows an irrigator to carryover excess water into a new MYFA. The incentive to use the water, even if it is not needed, is removed. Therefore, this bill is a positive water conservation measure that continues to allow producers the flexibility to use the water at an appropriate time for their cropping pattern.

The bill also attempts to make some technical changes making it less cumbersome to make some changes to place of use of a water right enrolled in a MYFA. These changes are also a positive development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Please contact me if you have any questions.