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To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Rep. Ken Rahjes, Chair

RE: Opponent Testimony for HB 2476 – Permitting federal pesticide warning or labeling requirements to satisfy any state pesticide warning or labeling requirements.

Dear Chairman Rahjes and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to HB 2476. The Kansas Rural Center has been working for over 45 years to promote sustainable agriculture, land stewardship, and rural community resilience. We are opposed to this bill, because it is designed to protect corporate profits, not Kansas farmers and communities.

While this bill is very short, it would have profound impacts. This bill would give immunity to over 57,000 pesticides registered by the EPA for impacts they would have that are not listed on the label. This bill isn't specific to one company or one product, this bill provides immunity for every harm—Cancer, Parkinson's, birth defects—caused by any of the pesticides registered by the EPA.

This bill is not necessary to protect farmers access to glyphosate. Bayer's statements to investors show they are not walking away from glyphosate-based herbicide sales to farmers. In addition, there are other pesticide companies producing generic glyphosate-based herbicides for the market.

If companies are concerned about health liability, they can and should add warnings to their product labels. EPA requires pesticides to have an approved label before sale, but that label is proposed by the pesticide company. EPA has approved cancer warnings on glyphosate-based herbicides, and would certainly approve them for Bayer if they asked. This bill would exempt them from that responsibility and shield them from any liability caused by that failure.

HB 2476 will not help farmers access the tools they need, it will only help corporations profit at our communities' expense. Therefore, we urge you to oppose HB 2476.

Sincerely,

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