

To: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation, Senator Donovan, Chairman

From: Ryan Flickner, Senior Director of Public Policy

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Re: **SB 187** – Extending the student loan payment program and income tax credit for rural opportunity zones for six years.

Chairman Donovan and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 187. My name is Ryan Flickner, and I am providing written testimony on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB). KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 40,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

Kansas Farm Bureau's grassroots member policy supports efforts to revitalize rural Kansas by retaining and attracting young people back to farm and ranch communities. The ROZ program can further that policy goal. We encourage you to support SB 187.