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HB 2064 Proponent Testimony

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Chair Rahjes, Vice Chair Neelly, and Ranking Minority Member Featherston, thank you for the opportunity to testify today regarding HB 2064.

The KCC supports HB 2064 because the waste disposal method it eliminates is no longer necessary. The “need” for land spreading came to Kansas with the Mississippi Lime Play and the proliferation of horizontal drilling in South Central Kansas. Land spreading was an accepted disposal practice in Oklahoma and was urged as something that could help spur development in Kansas. The original legislation had a sunset in 2015. At that time, I testified in support of the elimination of the sunset and noted that in the two years since the practice had been established, only one company attempted land spreading. My sentiment at the time was that it would be no harm to leave land spreading on the books to see if it was a viable option. There have not been any applications since the original application I testified about in 2015. History has proven that the method did not take hold and it is no longer necessary for this method to be an option. While the regulations and procedures adopted pursuant to the legislation were scientifically sound and thorough, when it comes to disposal of waste, there is always a chance that things don’t go as planned. Eliminating this option eliminates one more potential threat to the soils and groundwater of Kansas.

Thank you for your time and I will gladly stand for any questions the Committee has.