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Dear Mr. Chairman Rajhes,

Fowl typhoid and Pullorum-typhoid caused by *Salmonella gallinarum* and *pullorum*, respectively, hindered large-scale poultry production prior to eradication and control efforts in the United States. This accomplishment was due largely to the voluntary National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). These *Salmonella* diseases are detrimental to not only animal health and welfare but also have tremendous economical ramifications. I have seen these infections first-hand in other countries which do not have robust programs for monitoring and control.

In regard to Kansas Senate Bill No. 89, I fully support the commissioner's goal in creating and implementing programs that allow for the surveillance of these diseases, particularly in exhibition poultry. Exhibition poultry pose an increased risk for spread of many diseases due to contact with many other birds which then travel back to "home premises."

While this bill does create more regulations, which are likely more stringent than the voluntary NPIP program, I think that this bill is beneficial for the continued surveillance of the mentioned diseases within the state of Kansas, which has a number of susceptible breeder and commercial poultry operations.

Sincerely,  
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