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To: House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
Representative Sean Tarwater, Chair

From: Jackie Garagiola, Associate, Kansas Livestock Association

Re: **HB 2035 AN ACT amending the definition of land devoted to agricultural use for property tax purposes to include trail rides as a ranching activity to qualify as an agritourism activity.**

Position: Neutral, Written Only

*The Kansas Livestock Association (KLA), formed in 1894, is a trade association representing nearly 5,700 members on legislative and regulatory issues. KLA members are involved in many aspects of the livestock industry, including seed stock, cow-calf, and stocker cattle production; cattle feeding; dairy production; swine production; grazing land management; and diversified farming operations.*

Thank you, Chairman Tarwater and members of the Committee, for allowing the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) the opportunity to share our thoughts on HB 2035 amending the definition of land devoted to agricultural use for property tax purposes to include trail rides as a ranching activity to qualify as an agritourism activity.

The carrier of this bill was kind enough to reach out to KLA when crafting the bill language to ensure there were no unintended consequences to the agricultural industry. KLA's initial concern when modifying the exemption is ensuring the underlying use is still agriculture. Those concerns were heard, and we believe by simply modifying the definition of "agritourism activity" to include trail rides does not alter the requirement that the underlying use of the land is devoted to agriculture. We have no additional concerns with the bill and are therefore neutral on HB 2035.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit KLA's views to the Committee on HB 2035.