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To: House Committee on Taxation
Rep. Adam Smith, Chair

From: Aaron M. Popelka, V.P. of Legal and Governmental Affairs, Kansas Livestock Association

Re: **HB 2011 AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to property tax; decreasing the rate of ad valorem tax imposed by a school district.**

Position: Proponent, In-Person

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 Smith, and members of the Committee, for allowing the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) the opportunity to share our support for HB 2011, a bill that would provide meaningful property tax relief across all classes of taxable property.

KLA policy "supports increased reliance on income tax and other non-property tax sources for support of local school districts," and reducing the reliance of local government on property tax revenues. By reducing the total statewide mill levy from 20 mills to 18.5 mills, HB 2011 is the single most effective means for the state legislature to effect broad-based property tax relief. This approach ensures property tax relief applies equally across all classes of property.

In addition, keeping revenue from the statewide mill levy at a constant level in future tax years will also deliver ongoing tax relief for taxpayers. The legislature has implemented a revenue neutral approach for local taxing authorities and HB 2011 would hold the legislature to a similar approach for the statewide mill levy.

KLA appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2011 and asks that the Committee recommend the bill favorable for passage.