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**Re: HB 2012- Written Proponent**

**To: House Committee on Taxation, Chairman Adam Smith**

**From: Claudia Hissong, Kansas Farm Bureau**

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Chairman Smith and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on HB 2012. My name is Claudia Hissong, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) members. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

Additional demand for farm commodities is an opportunity to increase prices that our farmer members receive at the farmgate. Ethanol fuels are one way to increase demand for corn and sorghum produced here in Kansas. HB 2012 is intended to incentivize more fuel retailers to offer E15 and higher blends of ethanol fuel, in turn benefiting farmers who produce the commodities used in the production of these fuels.

Our member driven policy states, *"we support increased efforts to develop, promote and utilize products derived from the crops and livestock produced by our nation's farmers and ranchers."* and *"we support consumer education, promotion efforts and incentives, including retailers' incentives, to expand the production and use of agricultural-based alternative and renewable fuels."* HB 2012 accomplishes both of those policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2012 and we ask for your support of the bill.