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The Honorable Adam Smith
Chairman
Committee on Taxation, Kansas House of Representatives
346-S, The Capitol, Topeka, KS

Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written, proponent testimony for HB2012, also known as the 5-5-5 Ethanol Tax Credit in Kansas. Kansas Sorghum Producers (KSP) is the largest state sorghum association in the nation and serves as the voice for thousands of sorghum growers in Kansas, the largest sorghum-producing state in the nation.

HB2012 would create a non-refundable Kansas income tax credit for motor fuel retailers that sell higher ethanol blended fuels between 15 and 85 percent ethanol and distributors that sell higher ethanol blended fuels to a final user in Kansas.

Sorghum is interchangeable with corn in starched-based ethanol production; and, due to water stress and regional availability of grains each year, ethanol plants in western Kansas especially may grind a majority of sorghum feedstock for their ethanol production. Kansas' ethanol plants and fuel retailers together generate millions of dollars of revenue, economic development, and consumer savings in Kansas for the communities where they operate.

KSP maintains longstanding member-driven policy resolutions voicing critical support for the increased availability of all ethanol blended fuels in Kansas as well as the expansion of blender pumps to allow greater consumer fuel choice and farmer profitability. KSP strongly supports the implementation and availability of E-15 and higher blended fuels as a sustainable domestic marketing opportunity for sorghum producers in Kansas, especially given sorghum's susceptibility to volatile geopolitics and international trade and export disruptions.

KSP supports ethanol development and incentives for higher-blend fuels. Higher blended fuels expand agricultural demand, provide savings to consumers, and create circular, domestic economies that support vibrant rural Kansas communities. We urge your support of HB2012.

Sincerely,

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