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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: **SB 35 AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to tax levies; discontinuing the state tax levies for the Kansas educational building fund and the state institutions building fund; providing financing therefor from the state general fund.**

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 giving the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) the opportunity to support SB 35 that would discontinue the 1.5 mill levy for the Kansas educational building fund and the state institutions building fund.

KLA policy "supports increased reliance on income tax and other non-property tax sources," to fund government. Reducing the total statewide mill levy is the single most effective means for the state legislature to effect broad-based property tax relief. This approach ensures property tax relief applies at the same rate across all classes and subclasses of property.

KLA appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 35, and we ask that the Committee recommend the bill favorable for passage.