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The Honorable Mark Taddiken, Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Capitol Building, Rm. 159-S
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: S.B. 357 - Amended Version

Dear Chairman Taddiken and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Board of Riley County Commissioners, I would like to offer my support of S.B. 357, as it is proposed to be amended by Riley County, the Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas Farm Bureau and the Kansas Livestock Association. That version of S.B. 357 is attached to our counsel's letter.

The amended version of S.B. 357 represents a collaborative effort by Riley County, KAC, KFB and the KLA. It preserves the long-standing statutory authority of boards of county commissioners to regulate blowing dust. But it ensures those boards are provided the best available science on the subject. The Riley County Commission believes the amended version of S.B. 357 is legislation worthy of your support.

Sincerely,


Alvan D. Johnson, Chairman

cc: Dave Lewis, Member
Karen McCulloh, Member