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Written Testimony in Support of HB 2255

Submitted by Ron Seeber to the House Committee on Commerce Labor
and Economic Development

Thank you Chairman, members of the Commerce Committee, I am Ron Seeber, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA) and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA). The KGFA is a voluntary state association with a membership encompassing the entire spectrum of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in the state of Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA's membership includes over 700 agribusiness firms that are primarily retail facilities which supply fertilizers, crop protection chemicals, seed, petroleum products and agronomic expertise to Kansas farmers. KARA's membership base also includes ag-chemical and equipment manufacturing firms, distribution firms and various other businesses associated with the retail crop production industry.

KGFA and KARA is supportive of HB 2255. This legislation would reduce the cost of telecommunications network investments in Kansas, which will result in additional investment in equipment and faster deployment of high speed networks. The additional investment will also result in additional agri-business jobs and growth in under populated areas across in the state. Rural agribusiness greatly appreciates the content of this bill. By growing rural Kansas you will, in turn, benefit Kansas as a whole.

House Commerce & Economic
Development Committee

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