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Senator Love and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of the amendments from the PACK coalition to Senate Bill 57. As a shelter director in Kansas I understand the need for annual inspections to assure that Kansas is meeting the health, safety and welfare standards set forth in the Kansas Pet Animal Act.

Annual inspections should be completed on a yearly basis for all licensees excluding foster homes. After two clean inspections, then the licensee could go to an 18 month schedule until they have an infraction and then they should be moved back to an annual inspection. There are more than 800 foster homes in Kansas and they should continue to be inspected on a complaint basis only. Their license fee should remain at \$10 but they should be licensed through their shelter saving the Dept. of Ag. time and money.

As a licensee, I would like my representative to the Governor's Companion Animal Advisory Board appointed by the Governor. The Governor currently appoints almost 1,000 boards and commissions in Kansas. He is accountable for those appointments as an elected official. Additionally, I support the addition of two licensees on the Governor's Advisory Board: one member for the Rescue Network and an additional shelter member for fosters. The Governor's Advisory Board needs to retain the "unaffiliated" citizen position. It is important to have a consumer's point of view.

I am unable to appear today but hope that you will listen to my voice. I am an expert in my field. I am an expert in animal sheltering. I am a licensee under the Kansas Pet Animal Act. I can be reached for questions at:

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Sincerely,

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