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Dear Annarose,

The Allen County Farmers' Market recognizes the benefits of the Kansas Farmers' Market Promotion Act, soon to be before our State Legislature.

There is a need for registration, without fee, in order for the public to access the location and contact information of each market in the state so that they can buy and sell locally.

Networking among the markets and vendors and acquiring grant funding are also benefits of a registered database.

Coordinating educational efforts for market management and vendors would be easier if basic contact data were available.

The act limits the liability of registered farmers' markets which, hopefully, would negate the necessity for each market to purchase liability insurance. In our case, that represents \$500 a year that could be put to use elsewhere in our meager budget.

As long as the registration is at no cost and will not create an opening for unnecessary regulation, we encourage adoption of the act as presented.

Thank you for considering this legislation.

Sincerely,

Debbie Bearden
Allen County Farmers' Market Secretary

Senate Agriculture Committee

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