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**Kansas Water Authority
Testimony for HB 2049**

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Chairman Love and members of the Committee, I am Tracy Streeter, Secretary of the Kansas Water Authority (KWA). Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2049.

On January 31, 2013 the Kansas Water Authority met and voted to provide support for HB 2049. The support was based on a recommendation from the Ogallala Aquifer Advisory Committee (OAAC), an advisory committee to the Kansas Water Authority. Both the OAAC and KWA recognize the need for the Kansas Department of Agriculture to have adequate resources to implement the water policy legislation passed during the 2012 Legislative Session. The fees included in HB 2049 are a vital piece of ensuring the financial resources are available to continue implementing this water policy.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2049.