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**Testimony to the Senate Utilities Committee**  
House Bill 2652 – An Act concerning oil and gas; concerning unitization  
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Good morning Chairman Clark and members of the committee. I am Edward Cross, Executive Vice President of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) and I am here today to express our support for the passage of HB 2652. This bill simply amends the definition of the term “Pool” in the Kansas unitization statutes to allow the unitization of one or more oil or gas reservoirs which are in communication with each other.

It is a necessary bill. There are indeed some instances in Kansas when two or more oil and gas reservoirs have become in pressure communication with each other through natural or other means. However, the current definition of the term “Pool” in the Kansas unitization statutes could be read so as to eliminate the statutory authority of an operator to unitize these types of reservoirs to obtain secondary recovery from the same.

Importantly, nothing in HB 2652 adversely affects the Kansas Corporation Commission’s ability to prevent waste and to protect the correlative rights of all persons who would be affected by unitization of multiple reservoirs which are in communication so as to constitute a single pressure system. On the contrary, if the definition of “Pool” is not amended, there may be some reservoirs which could not be unitized and subjected to secondary recovery techniques. This would deprive the operator and his or her royalty interest owners of some of the recoverable oil and gas from producing zones under the pertinent leases, and also deprive the State of Kansas the economic benefit of those lost reserves. HB 2652 prevents this potential waste.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions.