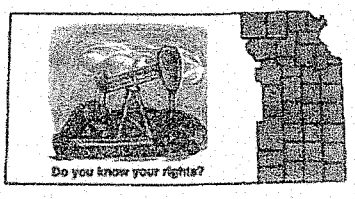

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Testimony before the House Committee on Energy and the Environment

Regarding HB 2132 – An act concerning oil and gas, relating to natural gas injection wells, ownership, rule of capture, amending K.S.A. 55-1210 and repealing existing section

February 2, 2015

Chairman Hedke and Committee Members:

My name is Kenny Carter. I farm and own land and have mineral rights in Southeast Kansas. I have lived in Wilson County all my life.

I presently am the President of the Eastern Kansas Royalty Owners Association ("EKROA"). We represent approximately 200 land and royalty owners in Eastern Kansas. A majority of our members are in Wilson, Neosho, Montgomery and Labette counties, but we have members throughout the eastern tier of counties. Since 2005, this area has seen huge increase in oil and gas production, especially coalbed methane gas.

According to the Kansas Geological Survey website there are (10) ten Gas Storage fields in Eastern Kansas. Out of the (10) ten fields, Wilson County has (2) two and Montgomery County has (2) two. In these two counties alone there are over (3000) three thousand wells producing gas royalties for many land owners.

To my knowledge there have been no major issues concerning these ten gas storage fields, such as leakage and "migrating gas". However, our members, especially those who live near gas storage fields, are concerned that any leakage and migration of gas would pose a threat to safety and to water supplies. We believe that the government should encourage gas storage companies to operate in a safe and responsible manner. We do not believe it would be in the best interest of our members or the Oil and Gas Industry in this state, to start changing the language and the law concerning gas storage fields and upset this relationship. To that end, EKROA would be opposed to House Bill No. 2132 and the changes it would make to K.S.A. 55-1210. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenny Carter

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EKROA, President