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To: Senate Commerce Committee
Senator Julia Lynn, Chair

From: Mike Beam, Sr. Vice President

Re: **Opposition to Senate Bill No. 167**

Date: February 18, 2015

The Kansas Livestock Association (KLA), formed in 1894, is a trade association representing over 5,000 members on legislative and regulatory issues. KLA members are involved in many aspects of the livestock industry, including seed stock, cow-calf and stocker production, cattle feeding, dairy production, grazing land management and diversified farming operations.

The Kansas Livestock Association supports using the Sixth Edition of the American Medical Association's guides to permanent impairment. It is the most current guide available and just took effect January 1st of this year.

Nearly half the states and the federal government use the sixth edition. Speculating on the outcome of future litigation is not a sound reason for changing from the sixth edition back to the fourth edition.

Therefore, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes Senate Bill 167.