



Testimony Supporting KS HB 2729 and KS SB 414

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Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**

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Respected members of the Kansas State Legislature, I would like to thank you all on behalf of Walmart and Sam's Club for allowing the submittal of this written testimony supporting the passage of KS HB 2729 and KS SB 414 concerning the amendment to K.S.A 20177 Supp. 2-2510. It is our position that the passage of these bills would be an important step in streamlining egg regulation and would allow the experts at the Kansas Department of Agriculture to enact appropriate regulations governing the repackaging of eggs.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. employs over 20,000 associates in the State of Kansas in 85 facilities consisting of 75 Walmart stores, 9 Sam's Clubs, and 1 Distribution Center. In 2016, Walmart collected and paid over \$354 million in state and local taxes in the State of Kansas. As you can see, Kansas is an important part of Walmart's business and we believe that Walmart is an important part of Kansas.

The core mission of our company is to provide customers the products they need for their family at an everyday low price. Reducing food waste at our stores and clubs is an important cornerstone of this mission. Despite being able to do so effectively in other states, one place we currently cannot effectively reduce food waste in Kansas is in our egg assortment. Kansas currently has one of the most restrictive statutes in the country on how a retail seller of eggs can repackage eggs in the case that a few in a carton are broken. It likely comes as no secret that often one or two eggs in a carton get cracked, and due to this law in Kansas, that entire carton likely gets disposed of in the garbage.

In order to reduce this unnecessary waste, we support these bills which will allow the Kansas Department of Agriculture to formulate rules which bring Kansas law more in line with USDA guidelines and other states which allow retailers like Walmart and Sam's Club to repackage unbroken eggs in a safe and prescribed manner.

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