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March 2, 2018

To: Chairman Kyle Hoffman and the House Agriculture Committee

From: Don Alexander, President, Southeast Kansas, Inc.

RE: Written Testimony in Support of SB 405

We are writing this letter in support of the Southeast Kansas proposal to bring Tyson Foods to our region. From our early beginnings, Southeast Kansas has been a community of innovators. Set apart from the rest of the State, we pride ourselves in doing things our own way. Our tight-knit community has a history of working together to accomplish strategic goals that move our community forward. SEK, Inc. has a voice that covers over 200,000 Kansan's in Southeast Kansas. By collaborating with our regional partners, we believe Southeast Kansas will be a focal point for food producers in the State.

With a water supply unrivaled in Kansas, Southeast Kansas has access to the Ozark aquifer, sufficient water rights, and a significant treatment capacity to meet the demands of a large-scale food-production facility. Nestled in the far southeastern corner of the State, this region contains a wealth of agricultural land outside of the Neosho basin, ideal for a grower network.

Our region has a reputation for creating positive working relationships with local businesses. We believe the addition of a Tyson facility will make a positive impact on our community and we are pleased to offer our full support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Don" being particularly prominent.

Don Alexander
Board President
SEK, Inc.