

Opponent to SB 405: Lori Lawrence

Chair and Committee Members,

The number of chickens where I live is perfect. No one has more than a dozen or so. There's no odor unless you go into the coop and there's no dust. These chickens are raised outdoors so they have a different manure makeup than concentrated animals would have.

We do not need hundreds of thousands of birds in areas near my home. I travel throughout the county and I would be exposed to areas where I would sneeze and cough as I have severe allergies. I can't even imagine what a third of a million chickens on one farm would do to me as I drive by.

What will happen when all those tons of litter created by three times more birds starts being spread around the countryside? How will that affect everyone within miles of the spreading? And the magnificent scent when it rains on this litter? It does rain occasionally in Kansas.

We have numerous small chicken operations in our state and the number is growing rapidly as people realize they want meat from animals that are free range and grass fed. Chickens are the most popular food in Kansas and the US and there is a market for family owned, free range, drug free chicken in this state. I am a part of that market in Wichita.

Do not increase the number of birds while decreasing the setback. The health of the people of Kansas is at stake. Vote NO on SB 405.

Thank you,

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