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February 13, 2017

**Re: Kansas Agricultural Growth Act
The House Commerce, Labor and Economic Committee:**

Dear Committee Members and Interested Parties:

My name is Brian Mitchell. I am a third generation agricultural producer in Morton County, Kansas & Texas County, Oklahoma. My family farms approximately 34,000 acres, with about half of that irrigated.

With the growing concerns regarding the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer , the Ag community needs to find other, less water using crops.

I believe allowing industrial hemp to be grown and produced in Kansas will give a critically needed alternative crop to Kansas farmers. The agricultural community is facing one of the most difficult economic situations in the last 20 years. By partnering with Ag producers, the state of Kansas is in the position to make a major financial impact for all Kansans.

I am asking for your support for legislation to allow industrial hemp production. I am prepared to offer acres to the production of industrial hemp for research and development in Kansas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Mitchell