

Monday, February 13, 2017

RE: Kansas Agriculture Growth Act

Kansas House Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development Committee:

Dear Committee members,

My name is Pam Pate. I am an owner of the crop insurance agency Pate Agency, LP which also manages the crop insurance for Okanco Insurance Cooperative in Kansas, Oklahoma panhandle, Colorado and Texas Panhandle. I have been in the crop insurance business since 1979. I was born and raised in Morton County, Kansas and have lived on the farm most of my life.

Our producers, like most in the country are struggling financially and are searching for options to make their farms productive. Factors out of their control (low commodity prices, high input prices, continued drought conditions, etc.) make farming very difficult. Most of our producers are willing to try something new to help the economy and the country.

Please support the HB 2182 bill and give our producers a chance to survive!!

Thank you for your consideration!

Pam Pate

Pate Agency LP

Crop Insurance Agent

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela J. Pate". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.