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Kansas State Legislature,

My name is Ron Soupiset. My brother and I have been farming together for the last 49 years in Morton County, Kansas.

We are very interested in the passage of Bill HB 2182 in regard to the production of industrial hemp. With agriculture being the largest economic factor in our state, it is imperative we maintain all the advantages we can to support sustainable agriculture.

There are so many products that can be made with industrial hemp I really believe it would be a great crop to grow. I think that the grain market would even out and maybe come back up a little because some of the normal corn and wheat acres would be put into industrial hemp.

We must have something that will help our cash flow be in the positive and to do that we need lower inputs. The other thing that industrial help would be great for in our area is the use of water. Being that we are short on water I think this would really be a great crop.

I would like to encourage the Kansas State Legislature to pass HB 2182, The Kansas Agricultural Industry Growth Act as soon as possible.

Sincerely


Ron Soupiset