To:	**House Federal and State Affairs Committee, Representative John Barker, Chairman**
From:	**Ryan Flickner, Kansas Farm Bureau**
Date:	**January 25, 2017**
Re:	**HCR 5003 – Urging Congress to propose the regulation freedom amendment to the United States Constitution**

Good morning Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) in support of HCR 5003. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

Over the past eight years, Kansas agricultural operations, like many other type of businesses, have been facing an increasingly aggressive federal government that seems to find new and more innovative methods of making it more difficult to farm and ranch in the United States. Within the past couple of years, farmers and ranchers have felt like they have been in the direct crosshairs of the previous administration with proposals that included listing the lesser prairie chicken and the recent waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule proposal. There are many more that are equally as damaging to farm and ranch families across the state. This pressure does not stop with a change in administration; it is a constant pressure in Washington D.C across all federal agencies.

Because of this constant pressure, KFB is supportive of the regulation freedom amendment to the United States Constitution and HCR 5003. HCR 5003 seems to be a proper step in creating an atmosphere friendlier to the regulated, not to the regulator. It is our hope that if such a policy were to take effect in the United States, then all future administrations would become more pragmatic and transparent with their regulatory policies.

In conclusion, we ask that when the committee considers HCR 5003, the committee should pass the resolution out favorably for passage. Thank you for the opportunity for the members of KFB to express our support for this important legislation.