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House Agriculture Committee
Topeka, Kansas

Re: Testimony in Favor of House Bill 2215

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Agriculture Committee:

I am Paul Waggoner Representative for the 104th House District home of the Kansas State Fair.

The Kansas State Fair has been in Hutchinson for over 100 years and is literally in the heart of our city. Having grown up just 2 blocks from the Fair, the education, entertainment and opportunities it presented every September were highly anticipated.

Across the state, Farmers, Ranchers, FFA, marching bands, 4-H groups, Scouts, local artists and others would come year after year to show and exhibit their best work.

The ties that bind Kansans, especially rural Kansans, to the Fair are deep and abiding.

HB 2215 facilitates the ability of the Fair Board to capture that respect when it is expressed financially. HB 2215 makes it easier for the Fair to receive private gifts, grants and donations to use for the benefit of the Kansas State Fair.

This ability to capture private funds helps the Fair be successful and is a win for taxpayers as well. This is good public policy and I commend it to you this day.

Respectfully,



Paul Waggoner
Kansas State Representative, 104th District