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Testimony for House Agriculture Committee in Support of HB 2464

From Sheila Lowrie, Dillons Corporate Affairs Manager Dillons Stores

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Agriculture Committee:

On behalf of Dillons and our 11,500 employees in 63 stores across the state of Kansas, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to your committee. Dillons was incorporated in Kansas in 1921 and will celebrate our 100th year next year. We are proud to be a Kansas company.

We write in support of HB 2464.

Dillons supports clarifying the repacking requirements for retailers set forth in the 2018 Kansas Egg Law, which is exactly what HB 2464 aims to do. The necessity for repacking occurs in the event that a carton on the shelf is found damaged, dirty, or found to contain one or more broken eggs.

HB 2464 brings Kansas into align with USDA regulations that allows retail grocery outlets to repackage eggs. This allows grocers to safely save a large number of eggs that are currently going to waste. Eliminating waste has been a top priority for Kroger, our parent company, for a few years now—our Zero Hunger, Zero Waste program has a dual goal of eliminating waste company-wide by the end of this year and eliminating food waste by 2025. HB 2464 helps us toward that end and is good public policy.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written support and respectfully request that the committee pass HB 2464 favorably out of committee.

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