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Testimony for House Agriculture Committee  
in Support of SB 285

From Sheila Lowrie, Dillons

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 100<sup>th</sup> year next year.

We write in support of SB 285.

As you know, SB 285 will extend the sunset from 2024 to 2032 of the program the state uses to achieve more tank closures of underground storage tanks which are no longer being used and have been abandoned. Removal of these tanks under this program leads to quicker identification of potential contamination, which is a benefit to our state and its citizens.

Since this program began in 2012, over 95 facilities have participated and removed 293 abandoned underground storage tanks. Yet work remains. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is aware of at least 270 abandoned underground storage tanks across the state.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony as a proponent on behalf of SB 285 and thank you for your consideration.

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