

**To: House Federal and State Affairs Committee, Rep. John Barker, Chairperson**

**From: John Donley, Kansas Farm Bureau**

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**Re: HB 2025 – Concerning privacy rights – written only**

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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 HB 2025. 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.

Kansas Farm Bureau is adamantly in support of measures that strengthen the private property rights of landowners. KFB policy opposes "giving any person or governmental agency authority for access to private property for inspection or investigation without permission from the property owner or operator."

There are times that a landowner wants these individuals to enter onto their property. KFB wants to ensure that the language in the bill allows a landowner the ability to grant an employee of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism or a county weed supervisor permission to enter onto their property or in emergency situations. This concern is likely met with the exception of a "judicially recognized exception to the search warrant requirement."

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony in support of HB 2025. We encourage your favorable support the bill as it moves through the process.