## HB2644 Sandhill Plum For Kansas State Fruit House Federal and State Affairs Committee Tanith Montgomery, Proponent

First off, I want to thank Chairman Barker for letting me speak here today. Let me introduce myself, I'm Tanith Montgomery from Sabetha Elementary 5th grade. I'm a proponent for the Bill HB 2644, or as we call it at school, the Kansas State Fruit Bill.

Today, I'm here to talk to you about getting a state fruit for Kansas. Did you know that Kansas doesn't have a state fruit? Have you ever wondered why? Now how come other states have a state fruit but we don't? Well my grade thinks that's a problem and we are gonna fix it!

Some people never stopped and asked themselves if their state even had a state fruit. Most people didn't even know state fruits were a thing. But we do! We didn't just think of this and say it would be cool if we tried. We've done more research than you could ever dream of. We're ready to make the Sandhill Plum our state fruit!

If Kansans find out what we're doing, I guarantee they will support us. We've gotten our local gardener, Doug Grimm of Grimm's Gardens, to come and give us information about the Sandhill Plum. We also had our representative Randy Garber come and speak to us. So, as you can see we have knowledge about what fruit should be our state fruit. That's why I think you should pass Bill HB 2644!