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## **HB2686**

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Chairman Highland and the House Committee on Water,

As President of the Kansas Farmers Union, I would like to submit this testimony in support of HB2686.

Kansas Farmers Union supports HB2886 because it would give a unified voice and cohesion to water policy in Kansas. Water decisions being divided among many agencies has led to confusing and disjointed policy. As we move into the future it is clear that everyday we are taking more water out than can be replenished and this will eventually lead to disaster. We need adequate and unified management of this precious resource. Water also needs the ear of the Governor, having a dedicated Secretary that has the sole purpose of water management would help give direction to the state's policy.

Thank you for your time, and your time serving our state and our citizens,

Sincerely,

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