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Good morning members of the committee,

My name is Harley Brown. I am representing the school of Valley Falls Elementary. I am a proponent for HB2644.

Students from all over Kansas voted on a state fruit. 4th and 5th graders from MORE THAN 25 SCHOOLS across Kansas have researched these fruits, and we narrowed it down to the sandhill plum. Students have participated in writing persuasive essays to their representatives who made it a bill. It went through the House of Representatives and they passed it, AND SAID YES!

We have spent a LOT of time and effort to do all of this. We all have come so far, especially for kids, and we are hoping you make it a law. And why not?

The sandhill plum is an awesome fruit. It is sweet, juicy and delicious on all kinds of breads! Also, so many other states have a state fruit. WHY CAN'T WE? We almost had the watermelon as our state fruit, but it died and got rejected and they put it in the past.

We are PLEADING with you to make it a law for the sandhill plum to be the state fruit. We've all been working hard.

Thank you!