



February 5, 2024

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Rep. Will Carpenter, Chair

Re: HB 2476 AN ACT concerning national land designations; requiring legislative approval of any designation of a national heritage area or national historic trail in the state of Kansas or the inclusion of certain property within any such designation; prohibiting state funding of any national heritage area or national historic trail unless such funding is first approved by the legislature of the state of Kansas.

Position: Proponent

The Kansas Cattleman's Association (KCA) formed in 1998 serves USA agriculture and independent beef producers since 1998. The Kansas Cattlemen's Association is committed to restoring profits, self-esteem, freedom, fair trade, trust, and community pride back to the farms, ranches and rural communities across Kansas and the nation.

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) and its members support House Bill 2476 and its requirements to provide the State control in the creation and management of new national land designations.

Private property rights and protection of landowner's rights are supported by the membership of KCA. KCA supports the intent of this bill to provide protection to Kansas landowners and the citizens of Kansas against unnecessary new national land designations and mismanagement of these lands and funds appropriated to their management.

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association and its members support HB 2476 and its protection of Kansas landowners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Steele", is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Kansas Cattlemen's Association
Executive Director