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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2164

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Wildfire:

My name is Jim, and I am a farmer from Junction City. I am writing today to support HB 2164. We have Dairy Sheep. We prefer, for the welfare of the animals, to do on farm slaughter. The local processor the mobile slaughter team goes through is not inspected, so we don't sell the meat. If the local processor could get an inspector, then all the small producers using the mobile slaughter could market the meat. Not just us. The mobile processors do still have a twelve month waiting list though. We do have an great processor with inspection not too far away in Springfield. We end up taking animals there once a year too. It's much more stressful for us and the animals, but we appreciate them being there.

The state has already devoted so many resources and staff hours to the establishment of the State Meat Inspection Program and qualifying facilities. Do not let the program fail to meet its promises because of a lack of inspector capacity. Please support HB 2164 and fulfill the promises our state has made to its local livestock producers.

Thank you,
James Grisham
The Bear and the Maiden Farm