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Dear Senators Roberts and Heitkamp,

We appreciate your leadership in introducing legislation allowing increased flexibility in the transportation of diesel fuel. The bill will allow certain agricultural producers and agribusinesses to haul 1000 gallons or less of diesel fuel on a class A commercial drivers license (CDL) without the requirement of obtaining a hazardous materials endorsement.

We are very pleased that this legislation applies to both producers and agribusinesses. As you know, our three associations represent the grain handlers and agribusiness retailers in Kansas, including independent and cooperative businesses, that use diesel fuel in their operations. While many of our members will need to maintain a hazardous materials endorsement for other reasons, others will find this additional flexibility beneficial to their operations. It may allow opportunities to improve staff efficiencies, increasing the overall effectiveness of the agribusiness.

We look forward to working with you both, and your staff members, to advance this common-sense legislation for the benefit of rural America, agricultural producers and agribusiness. Thank you, again, for your leadership on this issue and your efforts to increase flexibility in regulation.

Sincerely,

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