



**Confirmation Hearing Statement  
to the Senate Agriculture Committee**

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to come before you today for this confirmation hearing. I am honored to be selected by Governor Brownback to serve as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture. We have had the opportunity to meet recently, and you are aware of my background.

Today, I have with me several members of my team, and I would like to introduce them to you.

I will work diligently to serve Kansas agriculture to the best of my ability. Among my goals for the Department of Agriculture are:

- We will be a strong asset to the agricultural industry in Kansas. We will help grow the agricultural sector of the Kansas economy.
- We will make customer service a top priority. Our customers are the farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and consumers of Kansas. We will be a firm but fair regulatory agency and do all we can to educate those we regulate so that they will be in compliance with regulations and continue to provide jobs and revenue in local communities.
- The safety of employees is a top priority.
- We will be innovative and find additional ways to accomplish more with fewer taxpayer dollars.
- We will organize the Department to continue to be a strong support and voice for Kansas agriculture in the future.
- We will promote Kansas agriculture and agricultural products.

I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and will stand for any questions you may have.