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Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee  
Kansas State Capitol  
300 SW 10th St.  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation ("NSSF"), I write to you today to express our strong support for House Concurrent Resolution 5008 ("HCR 5008"), which would guarantee the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife in the State of Kansas.

As the trade association for America's firearms, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry, NSSF seeks to promote, protect, and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. NSSF has a membership of more than 13,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, and sportsmen's organizations. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding Kansas sportsmen, the U.S. military and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The language included in HCR 5008 would protect the use of traditional methods, and promote wildlife management and conservation, thus, creating a permanent safeguard for sportsmen and conservation in Kansas.

According to a report from the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation with data from NSSF and the American Sportfishing Association, Kansas's almost 300,000 hunters and 400,000 anglers spend \$630 million annually and support close to 10,000 jobs. As you can see by the figures, hunting and fishing are deeply rooted in Kansas culture, and together have a major economic impact on the state.

Constitutionally protecting the American heritage of hunting, fishing and trapping for future generations is critically important as radical anti-hunting organizations will stop at nothing to destroy our heritage and wildlife conservation in America.

Sincerely,

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