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Memorandum

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To: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee - Chairman Senator Ralph Ostmeyer
From: Marc Glades, South Regional Manager
Re: House Concurrent Resolution 5008

Chairman Ostmeyer, members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony to you on an issue that is important to Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, and our members across the state of Kansas. Today, I am writing on behalf of our organization and our 7,000+ Kansas members in support of HCR 5008.

HCR would ensure that future wildlife conservation and management decisions are based on sound science in order to preserve Kansas' hunting heritage for generations to come. Language for the resolution includes the following:

"The people have the right to hunt, fish and trap, including by the use of traditional methods, subject to laws and regulations that promote wildlife conservation and management and that preserve the future of hunting and fishing. Public hunting and fishing shall not be constructed to modify any provision of law relating to trespass, property rights or water resources."

Adding the Right to Hunt, Fish and Trap to the state constitution would Protect Kansas' rich sporting tradition. This important constitutional safeguard will protect wildlife and promote conservation, which are efforts that Kansas sportsmen have spearheaded for generations, significantly contributing to the state's diverse and flourishing wildlife populations. If passed, the language contained in this resolution will be presented for a public vote in the General Election of 2016. Currently, 18 states have the adopted some form of a right to hunt and fish constitutional protection.

On behalf of our organization and our members, I respectfully ask for your support of House Concurrent Resolution 5008.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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