

Foreign Land Ownership
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Good morning

My name is John Anderson and I live in Prairie Village. Today America is dealing with several critical issues. One of them is being facilitated through the purchase of our farmland much of which is near military facilities. Affecting our food supply is certainly one concern but the most urgent is the proximity to our military locations.

Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you and your committee for bringing this huge topic to the forefront. It's one that has certainly peaked my attention. As a result, I made a list of the 24 states that have passed restrictive legislation, including their respective House Majority Leaders. You can relax as I don't intend to report on each one.

The state that stood out to me was Nebraska. I had called House Speaker John Arch who referred me to Representative Barry DeKay and his Legislative Assistant Turner Adams. Representative DeKay had introduced one of their two bills. Within Nebraska's land control system they have six designated adversarial countries (China, North Korea, Russia, Iran, Venezuela and I forget the sixth) as the primary subjects.

When a private owner sells property within a 10 mile radius of military installations, such as Moffett Air Force Base, U.S. military command posts, missile silos or either of their two largest cities, Omaha and Lincoln, the buyer has to sign an affidavit stating they are not related to any of those six countries. If the buyer turns out to have lied, it is a criminal act. At that time Nebraska legally divested the foreign owner of the land in question.

The state takes ownership and then sells it through an administrator. Legal and administrative expenses are paid out of the sale. The original private seller, who most likely had no idea of the true identity of the buyer, is not affected. Our enemies are committed to bringing America to its knees. Kansans, and our entire country, are looking for aggressive leadership. This Committee has a chance to make a difference. Please do so!

Thank you very much.

John Anderson