

TESTIMONY
OF
JOHN STEP NOSKI
KANSAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENTS & LAND
PURCHASES
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for your service to our state and giving me the opportunity to share my concerns about Foreign Investments and Land Purchases in the State of Kansas.

My concern is that we are allowing hostile governments and other hostile entities to purchase large tracts of land in the United States. Increasing my concern is the fact that in several cases these tracts are very close to sensitive military and/or infrastructure sites, which are NOT in the best interest of the United States.

As an example, China and other countries' policies do not allow the purchase of land by individuals, corporations, or foreign governments in or around sensitive military sites, or key infrastructure sites. Also, in nations where China made significant purchases of land and mineral rights, they promised significant infrastructure improvements which they have not lived up to and which has resulted in them having significant influence over those nations.

It is not in the National or Security Interests of our nation to allow China or other foreign adversaries to purchase land which could further strengthen their position in the world and be used to continue to weaken the United States of America.

Therefore, I respectfully request that this committee recommend that China and other foreign adversaries of the United States CANNOT purchase land in the State of Kansas.

Respectfully,
John Stepnoski