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TO: Chairman Brunk, Vice-Chairman Patton, and Ranking Minority Member Loganbill, House Standing Committee on Federal and State Affairs

RE: House Bill 2491, an act concerning wildlife; relating to hunting

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for the opportunity to provide written testimony in strong support of HB 2491, an act concerning wildlife; relating to hunting.

Section 4 of the bill of rights of the Kansas constitution clearly prohibits government interference with the right of individual law-abiding Kansas citizens to keep and bear arms:

A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose...

Currently, some state government regulations and policies, e.g., those governing wildlife and parks, are in conflict with this critical right to self-protection. HB 2491 responsibly addresses this issue to protect our fundamental right to self-defense.

Representative Jana Goodman Kansas House District 41 410 South Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048 (913) 547-0565 Get up, dress up, show up, speak up.