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Chairman Brunk and member of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee,

My name is Preston Madding and I am a resident of Sedgwick County. I am unable to attend because of prior school and work obligations. I work full time for Carson Bank and I am a full time student at Wichita State University. In the little free time I have, I spend as much time as I can hunting, fishing, and being out of doors.

As I enjoy the outdoors I always seek to do so in a manner which is ethical. Sadly, many people do not choose to follow our states laws in reference to hunting, fur harvesting, etc. Those who are already committing crimes, including poaching, trespassing and those growing illegal drugs, are not likely to abide by any gun legislation only allowing certain types of firearms. However, the typical Kansas outdoorsman very likely will be following all of the states laws, which could likely leave them relatively defenseless in a number of situations they could stumble upon. The Kansas Constitution states in Section 4 of the Bill of Rights, "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." It must be made clear that this right is not impeded by Wildlife and Parks regulations.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this legislation.

Please do support and pass HB2491.

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