

Dear Legislators,

I am asking for your support of HB 2207. This bill does more than protect a land owner. It also will protect people who would choose to come on private land, without permission, from a possible intruder-reaction by another person who does have permission to be there, or by the land owner who may come upon someone unexpectedly.

I have owned property and lived in rural Kansas all my life (I am 60). I currently own approximately 200 acres in Osage County, property that I maintain and am responsible for its costs, use, and preservation. I am very concerned that laws would allow anyone to come onto private property without permission.

I am a **Certified Hunter Ed Instructor** for Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism. Instructors are expected to be ethical and responsible hunters who will pass on traditions of the hunt while bringing credit to the sport to those who participate in the hunt. Respect is a major topic included during a Hunter Ed course. Everyone and everything must be respected so that all may continue to enjoy the natural beauty and wildlife found in the great outdoors. Seeking permission to enter property of a private landowner is always emphasized by me, whether that be seeking permission to actually hunt a species, to track a wounded animal, to look for sheds, nesting areas, or to simply take a picturesque stroll in our great outdoors. Never would I want students to think they could just walk on to someone's property without first getting permission from the property owner.

I ask for your support of HB2207 for the safety and protection of all to continue to enjoy the great outdoors.

Thank you,

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