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The Honorable Kyle Hoffman
House Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse Room 582-N
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Representative Hoffman:

Subject: HB2743 - Allowing deer permits to be transferred to residents and nonresidents of the state of Kansas.

I am here to speak in support of HB2743.

Our family has been in Kansas since the 1850's and farming and ranching is still a constant challenge. Also, in 1985 I started Ravenwood Lodge and have been using our farm for hunting. We also do row crops, CPR and pasture.

As you know, the farmers and ranchers are caretakers of almost all of the Kansas wildlife. They provide the food and habitat for them to live and propagate.

Kansas is 97% privately owned and to say that the Kansas landowners play the largest role in the preservation of all Kansas wildlife. They are the "gatekeepers" for the care and welfare to almost ALL of the Kansas wildlife.

HB2743 simply allows the landowner to:

1. Allow the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism (KDWPT) to establish a procedure to establish a procedure for transferring "regular landowner or tenant hunt-on-your-own-land" permits to residents and non-residents.
2. The person who receives the transferred tag would be restricted to hunting the land designated by the landowner/tenant when he/she purchases the hunt-on-your-own-land permit.

3. A landowner who's previously purchased a deer hunting permit and non-residents who are successful in the drawing for nonresident permits are not eligible to receive a transferrable permit.
4. KDWPT would be allowed to charge a transfer fee, not to exceed the cost of a general resident license fee for either sex of whitetail deer or not to exceed the fee for antlerless whitetail tags charged to the landowner/tenant hunt-on-your-own-land if the transferred permit is limited to antlerless deer.
5. The bill sunsets (expires) on February 1, 2022.
6. This will open up thousands of acres for hunting that may have never had access.
7. Hunters need a place to hunt.
8. KDWPT has a WIN-WIN with increases in license sales, making more private land available and KDWPT does not have to pay \$\$\$ to lease more public hunting lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Corbet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ken Corbet