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Rick Billinger
Senator, 40th District
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Re: Senate Bill 240, State Acquisition of Land in Sherman County

Dear Senator Billinger:

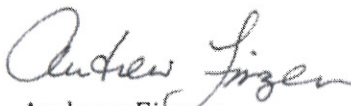
The City of Goodland is pleased to confirm its support for Senate Bill (SB) 240, Authorizing a land purchase in Sherman County by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The acquisition of the 1,080-acre property presently owned by Pheasants Forever will be an asset to Goodland, Sherman County, the region, and the state of Kansas.

Hunting and fishing are integral parts of the Goodland economy. This project serves to both bring new visitors into our community and bolster the quality of life for current residents. The intention to honor those who served by naming the new area Veterans Memorial Wildlife Area is an excellent addition to an already excellent project.

Finally, this land will be purchased without the need for any General Fund money. The property can be purchased using hunting and fishing license revenue and a federal grant derived from excise taxes on hunting equipment.

Taking all these factors into consideration, the City of Goodland strongly supports SB 240 and urges for its passage.

Respectfully,


Andrew Finzen
City Manager