

Opponent Testimony
HB 2331

House Bill 2331 (HB 2331) establishes a system to approve and administer the transfer of regular landowner or tenant hunt-on-your-own-land big game permits from the original recipient of the permit to a nonresident of the state of Kansas solely for the purpose of hunting white-tailed deer. Similar programs have been implemented in Kansas in the recent past, and they have always been met with challenges and concerns.

As an avid Kansas hunter, I believe the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) should be responsible for issuing white-tailed deer permits in the state – not private landowners. This idea is consistent with the North American Model of Conservation, where wildlife is held in trust for the public and not owned or managed by private landowners. The North American model is responsible for the bountiful wildlife that we enjoy in this country, and we must do everything we can to ensure that the model is adhered to in perpetuity.

Please vote NO on the bill.

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