

## Opposition to Senate Bill 47

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Ty Masterson is my state senator and Patrick Penn is my state representative

I wish to testify in person January,31,2023@ 10:30am

My home is nestled on 12 acres. At one time I used it as an Airbnb. Much to my surprise I learned a lot about Kansas's diverse tourist trade from my guests. One of my favorite stays was a film crew of duck hunters. They went all over the USA looking for good spots to film duck hunting. Not only did they leave me some duck meat, but they also left a good set of Kitchen Knives.

It is amazing how much our state depends on the hunting and fishing tourist trade. We want to be remembered for our pristine streams and beautiful outdoor areas. Wildlife conservation and tourist revenues depend highly on hunting and fishing.

I am sure you will hear testimony on plastic pollution. How cities spend thousands upon thousands of dollars to unclog their wastewater treatment facilities that are inundated with plastic bags. I am sure you will hear about the cost associated with plastic pollution.

I want to emphasize about a different cost. I want to talk about a cost that is not easily noticed. When we pollute our waterways and outdoor areas, we are downgrading a valuable asset. We want our tourists to remember this beautiful state. We want them to come back again and again.

Let our communities decide for themselves how they want to regard plastic pollution and any other kind of pollution.

Please vote no on SB47