

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 non-residents of the state of Kansas.

I am providing written testimony in support of HB2743.

Our family farm consists of my parents, my brother and family and my family and myself. We own 3600+ acres plus we lease 1200+ acres.

We have established a small hunting lodge to let hunters have a chance to come out to Kansas and hunt. Over the last seven years, we have tried to host 8 deer hunters a year. We are in a cycle that we get 4 hunters one year; 8 hunters the second year, and only 4 on the third year.

By providing an avenue to allow even 4 permits a year would allow us to always have 4 permits but allow 4 to draw and use 4 the years someone does not draw.

Our current hunters come from Pennsylvania and North Carolina. They apply as a group. We do not want to add more hunters but to allow us to try to have 8 hunters per year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Bigge". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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