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Chairman Kerschen,

I am here to testify as an opponent to HB 2167, while the bill has good intentions, it falls short in many ways. In fact, it would have a negative impact on Hunting Access for Residents, Biological, and Economic impact in the State, as well as Administratively creating confusion around Enforcement and Administration of the program.

This has been tried before and failed miserably!

It is not needed, 97 percent of Non-Residents who apply get permits through the draw already.

Real Value for LO/T is controlling access to land, not guaranteed permits.

Non-Resident Family Members already have a method to obtain permits to allow them to hunt family ground.

The Department already issues depredation permits to address deer damage complaints.

It will result in less hunting access for Residents.

Residents will lose access opportunities with this permit type- already a very common complaint.

It will reduce the number of younger and beginning hunter opportunities, typically more affluent hunters will obtain these permits.

Kansas has the highest Non-Resident proportion of hunters in Midwest it is (24%).

Hunters and Landowners desire less complication and the bill adds another layer of Confusion.

The bill will result in a larger burden of administration to a complex system.

Confusion and eligibility for permits will burden law enforcement.

Do not repeat this error by passing HB 2167


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