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Chairman and Members of Committee, thank you for holding this hearing and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

My name is Jon Lueth and I am the Deputy State Director of Americans for Prosperity—Kansas. On behalf of the thousands grassroots activists across our state, we urge you to support SB 395, which would protect the constitutional private property rights of Kansans.

Here in Kansas our Constitution already has taken steps to further ensure our citizens private property rights by defining those protections as applicable to “persons and property.” However, judicial precedence has continued to uphold an inadvertent circumvention of those rights through the application of “open fields doctrine,” and warrantless searches. The provisions of this bill will not prohibit Wildlife and Parks Officers from conducting searches or engaging in surveillance activities on any persons property. It will merely require that no Wildlife and Parks Officer can enter onto private property, be it a field, a barn, or any other structure away from a persons home and conduct surveillance without fulfilling the proper, due process avenues that is in alignment with the same expectations to search that same property owners home.

Kansans property rights should not be limited to when it is convenient or inconvenient, they should be, as intended, constantly protected. This bill is a positive step in doing just that,

It is for these reasons that we respectfully ask for your favorable support of SB 395.

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