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Kansas House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Representative Blex, Kansans for Conservation

Dear Chair and Committee:

“Long-term land protection from conversion or loss of habitat,” is a politically correct way of saying, “we want to put more private lands in conservation easements in perpetuity.”

When I hear words like, “stakeholder,” “biodiversity,” “sustainable,” and “ecosystem,” in a public forum I immediately cringe and am convinced that the creator of such words has been defiled by the influence of the pay-to-play system of governance. All of them are buzz-words under the United Nations “sustainable development” agenda that is on a crash course with American Capitalism and is an immediate threat to liberty, freedom and property rights.

Proposed programs created in this bill are already in place in the state of Kansas through other means and methods, whether it be through the local or state USDA, Colleges and Universities and other public and private organizations. Conservation programs are easily accessed throughout the state of Kansas by land and business owners, many of whom, are voluntarily participating in the name of conservation.

This is nothing more than government created “slush-fund,” funded by the citizens of Kansas who choose to participate in the state Lottery, with the thought that their participation endows the students of the public school system in the state of Kansas. In actuality this bill creates a pool of money to be used by bureaucrats to gain production and consumption control over privately owned Kansas land, unbeknownst to the tax-paying citizens, as well as land and business owners. Also, this bill creates more government funded jobs to those who covet money, power and influence over their communities and land-owners.

The citizens of Kansas already have access to programs that assist in all aspects of conservation, on both public and private lands, mentioned in this bill.

Additionally, the pace at which this bill has been introduced and sent to committee is highly suspect and I would advise the citizens of Kansas to demand more transparency in consideration of HB2541.

As a land-owner and defender of private property rights, I oppose this bill.

Regards,

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