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Testimony as a Proponent, HB 2208  
House Committee on Agriculture  
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I am here to testify in favor of HB 2208 regarding landowner deer permits. Kansas has 49 Million acres of farm and ranch country, over 97 % is privately owned. The Bill would open up millions of acres to hunting opportunities in Kansas. Yes, it is true that Kansas owns all the wildlife, however they provide no food, habilitate, or water. It's the farmers and ranchers who are the caretakers of wildlife in Kansas. This simple act of allowing landowners to have landowner permits to sell will in a small way do several things. One, it opens up accessibly to private lands that may not have ever been available. Secondly, it allows landowners to recoup a few dollars for crop and tractor tire damages. Lastly, it will encourage landowners who participate in this option to improve their habitat for deer and wildlife or their property. This is a WIN for hunters, tourism, and Kansas. I urge you pass HB 2208 out of committee and I urge your support on the floor.

Sincerely,  
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