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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
FROM: CARYN TYSON, SENATOR – 12TH DISTRICT
DATE: MARCH 13, 2019
RE: HOUSE BILL 2167 - PROPONENT

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and your consideration of allowing Kansas landowners an opportunity to transfer a single deer hunter permit per year.

Full disclosure, I am a landowner but do not plan to participate in the program. However, I do understand the desire and need to allow landowner's the ability to transfer a permit.

Kansas used to have a program that allowed transferable permits. This bill would reinstate part of the program in a limited capacity with a five-year sunset addressing concerns from previous years.

There is not a shortage of deer in Kansas. For example, Sunday evening my husband and I saw over 50 deer in a two mile span. A transferable landowner permit would be good for the Kansas economy and encourage Kansas hunting.

According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, hunting,

“creates more than 700,000 jobs nationwide. New studies now show that annual spending by America's 14 million hunters amounts to \$22.1 billion. By comparison, and if hypothetically ranked as a “corporation,” that revenue figure would put hunting in thirty-fifth place on the Fortune 500 list of America's largest businesses, right between J.C. Penney and United Parcel Service.” It goes on to say, “The impact of the American economy of all that spending is extraordinary. When the spending figure was “crunched” recently by economic analysts to account for “ripple” or economic multiplier effects, hunters' spending was shown to have:

- *Created a nationwide economic impact of about \$61 billion.*
- *Supported 704,600 million jobs, or nearly 1 percent of America's entire civilian labor force, in all sectors of the American economy. Created household income (salaries and wages) totaling 416.1 billion, which is roughly equivalent to 25 percent of America's entire military payroll.*

- *Added \$1.4 billion to state tax revenues, or nearly 1 percent of all annual state tax revenues combined.*
- *Contributed \$1.7 billion in federal income taxes, which equates to almost half of the entire federal budget for commerce.*

I ask for your support for a Kansas transferable landowner deer permit and support in improving our State economy. Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Caryn Tyson
Senator – 12th District