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The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse Room 159-S
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senator Kershchen:

Subject: SB301 - Requiring hunting guides and outfitters to register with the department of wildlife, parks and tourism.

I am here to testify in opposition to SB301. SB301 flies right in the face of all the agri-tourism activity being done in Kansas to make Kansas the number 1 state for hunting. The guide and outfitter program was tried and failed about 20 years ago and was a complete failure. The license fee dollars were wasted and the cost to enforce and prosecute could cost KDWP millions of dollars in legal expenses. If you want more control of your property, you might consider HB2207 which would tighten Kansas trespass laws. But if you feel that this bill needs to be forwarded, I would ask you to carve out "CSA" controlled shooting licensed area which are already licensed through KDWP.

In closing I urge this committee to vote NO. It accomplishes nothing and will provide less hunting opportunities for us who worked to grow the hunting opportunities with Kansas farmers and ranchers and who are looking for a place to experience a great Kansas tradition by "Passing it on" to the next generation of Kansas kids.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Corbet".

Ken Corbet