

Dear Rep. Rahjes,

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB2392.

I am very appreciative of the work that our Kansas Air and Army National Guard servicemen and women perform on behalf of the citizens of Kansas. While I believe that some expressions of appreciation are appropriate, HB2392 does not fit within that category.

- Active-duty guardsmen and women already receive annual hunting and fishing licenses throughout their service. These annual licenses and the proposed lifetime licenses may be perceived as a gift from the State but instead, they are paid for solely by outdoorsmen and women in Kansas.
- It is inappropriate to take the monies paid in by hunters and anglers for natural resource conservation programs and spend them for the benefit of specific groups of individuals.
- Where is the line drawn on who is deserving and who is not? First responders? Regular military? Reserves? Others who place themselves at risk in other service roles?
- Our guardsmen and women make a choice to serve, and many have well-paying careers outside of their guard service. This bill is not intended to address any injustice or inequity but does indirectly take from one group and give arbitrarily to another unrelated to any need.
- The lost license fees and federal funding that would have followed them could significantly impair KDWP's ability to provide effective management of the very resources that these individuals would want to hunt or fish.

Fringe benefits or tokens of appreciation, either way, should be paid for by all the citizens of Kansas and not just outdoorsmen and women. Please protect our natural resource programs and funding and oppose HB2392.

Respectfully,

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