Angel Cushing Proponent of SB 417

Dear Chairman Rahjes and members of the Agriculture and Resources Committee,

I am a proponent of SB 417 because I believe taxpayers need a break from continually increasing budgets. Acquisitions of land for the state are paid for by the taxpayer.

I am a proponent of SB 417 because I believe Kansas has wonderful recreational opportunities already. If more is needed, Kansas Parks and Wildlife should open up areas they have blocked from the public instead of taking land from private citizens.

I am a proponent of SB 417 because Kansas Parks and Wildlife have the habit of building forests in the middle of the Great Plains, these forests are filled with invasive species and highly flammable trees. They are not doing a very good job of managing the lands they have now.

I am a proponent of SB 417 because land prices are high. When land is moved to the government, it is there forever. It never comes up for sale. As the amount of acres for sale become less available the prices climb higher.

I am a proponent of SB 417 because food production is important. The Kansas Parks and Wildlife does not produce agricultural commodities that are sold in our local grocery stores. While I do appreciate recreation, some Kansas lands should be left for food production.

Please support SB 417.

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