

Kansas House Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development Committee Testimony

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Proponent of HB 2766 – The Kansas Land and Military Installation Protection Act

Introduction

Good afternoon. Thank you, Chairman Tarwater, Ranking Member Probst, and the Members of the Committee for allowing me to appear before you all today to support HB 2766, The Kansas Land and Military Installation Protection Act. My name is Michael Lucci, and I'm here on behalf of State Armor Action, of which I am the founder and CEO.

State Armor mission

I founded State Armor Action last year to recognize and confront a new policy area that states must face. We believe that states are now on the front lines in this new era of integrated global conflict. Therefore, the mission of State Armor Action is to provide state policy solutions to global security threats.

America is weathering a whole-of-government assault upon our social fabric and economic security. This assault comes not through direct military means, but rather through a whole-of-society attack using subterfuge, economic sabotage, compromising of our military assets, and other tools of asymmetrical warfare including:

1. rampant intellectual property theft coupled with trade practices that constitute economic warfare,
2. flooding our country with deadly fentanyl and malicious propaganda, and

3. pre-positioning to attack and compromise our critical infrastructure.

In the face of this broad societal assault, America needs whole-of-government solutions with states assuming a new role on the front lines in achieving the national mission of securing our homeland.

State Armor's solutions to these global threats fall into three areas. They are as follows:

1. protecting critical infrastructure;
2. building the supply chains of freedom; and
3. stopping malicious influence operations.

States can and must protect critical infrastructure through securing their telecommunications grid, protecting commercial and agricultural property, particularly near military bases and other critical infrastructure.

HB 2766 Protections

HB 2766 is one of the essential solutions to achieve state security. State land and property cannot fall into the hands of foreign adversaries and other malign actors.

We have seen many states act to protect their lands from foreign adversaries, and for good reason. Chinese companies in particular have aggressively sought to secure land and other assets near military bases.

As you can see in the documents and news clippings shared with you today, [Chinese companies were caught building a mill near Grand Forks AFB](#) in North Dakota, resulting in the Air Force describing the mill as a national security threat. This same company, Fufeng Group, is

actively seeking land in more states across the Midwest, as we will see in the news in coming days.

A People's Liberation Army (PLA) General was found to have [purchased 140,000 acres near Laughlin AFB in Texas](#), right near Texas' border with Mexico. The general said he wanted to erect wind turbines, which just so happen to double as tremendous surveillance and signals intelligence opportunities.

Arizona officials found Chinese companies attempting to purchase commercial property near Luke AFB, where our most elite F-35 pilots train.

And in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming, our [nuclear missile silos are surrounded by Huawei telecommunications equipment](#) which the FCC has declared must be ripped out because of the extraordinary surveillance risk.

These purchases are no accident, nor can they be ignored. They are a systematic approach to compromise our national security and erode our power by targeting states.

Conclusion

Protecting Kansas and American security begins with securing the land and property around military bases. HB 2766 is an excellent way to do that. Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I look forward to answering any questions.