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Re: House Bill No152

Dear Larry Powell  
Chairman, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
Kansas State Capitol  
300 W 10<sup>th</sup> St, Room 149-S  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Powell and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony to you as a proponent of HB 152, Clarifying that a person with a concealed carry permit may carry a concealed firearm while legally hunting, fishing or fur harvesting.

I am a Kansas resident and have hunted for 20 years and a certified Hunter Education Instructor for KDWP, as well as a Bowhunter Instructor for National Bowhunting Education Foundation. I have a valid Concealed Carry license. I am a member of various organizations; Kansas State Rifle Association, NRA, Kansas Bowhunters Association, Quality Deer Management Association, Safari Club and National Wild Turkey Federation. I speak for myself and other hunters who have the same concerns.

The issue before you is of significant concern to me and other hunters. I ask that you vote in support of HB 152 to allow Concealed Carry While Hunting.

Kansas law currently allows Concealed Carry with a license. It does not specify that this is allowed while hunting. Having researched this issue I feel that our state must align itself with other states CCH laws. My primary source of was [www.carryconcealed.net](http://www.carryconcealed.net), which gives by state listings of CC laws.

Below are some instances that have taken place where extreme danger existed, with no defense. Furthermore, while bowhunting, you have no other protection in poor circumstances.

- My 60 year old father was assaulted by trespassing hunters, when they were told to leave.
- While hunting in a ground blind with a bow I was approached by a group of 5 juveniles on drugs.
- While hunting I encountered a poacher with a rifle. He pointed his rifle at me in a threatening stance and held his position for about 3 minutes before lowering his gun and disappearing.
- While hunting in my tree stand a trespasser came by. I asked him to leave and he challenged me.
- While hunting I encountered a pack of 7 wild (farrell) dogs in a pack, which threatened to attack.
- During rut season while using a deer call I lured in 2 bucks, which began to fight 6 feet from me. When they stopped, one left and the other one rushed at me but stopped short of goring me.
- While walking back in the dark from a hunt, I had a pack of 5 coyotes follow me thinking I was a deer, due to the scent of deer oil on my clothes. A frightful confrontation took place in a creek bed. Later this encounter led to me having a stroke.

Many hunters such as I hunt alone. When isolated in the woods, no person is there to assist or hear a plea for help. The original settlers were allowed self protection while hunting. I believe the fundamental right of self protection, which this country was founded on then and requires lawful protection while hunting even now.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for considering this testimony and this position on such a critical matter. I respectfully ask that you vote in support of HB 152.

Respectfully submitted,

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