

Ladies & Gentlemen

I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today and to state that I am in full support of HB2341.

I am Lois Shuck, the owner of the land in Osage County, Kansas on which the record deer was poached in the fall of 2011.

Timothy Nedeau is my son and has represented me throughout the past 20 years and will continue to represent me in regard to hunting rights as well as illegal poaching.

Tim has spent countless hours maintaining this property for the protection of wildlife habitat as well as many years prior to my ownership which was then owned by my parents. I received this property as a part of my inheritance upon the death of my mother in 1995. Tim **WILL** inherit this land upon my death or before.

The poacher admitted poaching the deer on my property. It was shot several feet north of the property line well into my property, the fatal bullet/wound happened on MY property. It (as deer do) lived to cross the road between me and the land owner to the south in which it died a few feet south of the road and was beheaded with a chain saw. The land owner to the south is not interested and never has been interested in anything regarding this deer or its carcass.

The poacher, David Kent, was caught and convicted of the crime and criminal actions were assessed to him, one of which was to pay to my son, Timothy Nedeau a monetary amount as Tim was acting on my behalf as my agent/farm manager. This is all recorded in Osage County court records. The Court in Osage County Kansas was well aware of the relationship between Tim and myself.

Mr. Kent and his attorney also requested, in court, that the antlers be returned/given to us. Us being myself and my only son, Timothy (Tim) Nedeau who is my farm manager on all grass land and timber on the above property and has represented me throughout all matters concerning hunting, mowing, weeding etc. for which he receives a small token of appreciation from me. This is also reported on my Federal and State income tax forms each and every year.

There is a Transfer-on-death deed recorded in State of Kansas, Osage County, to Timothy L. Nedeau as grantee beneficiary of the described real estate in Osage County from me. This was filed and recorded on May 29th, 2003.

Both Tim and I had talked with KDWP on several occasions over the past several years asking for help with poachers on our posted property. KDWP&T, **WERE** and **ARE** very much aware of our relationship both as Mother and Son and Farm Manager on grass land and hunting rights and have been for many years.

KDWP&T sent Officer Lynn Koch to my home on July 2, 2014 to interview me and ask me questions in regard to my relationship with Tim and his involvement with my farming operation. I complied and requested he make note of and **report** my request for the antlers from the 2011 poached deer.

Very little assistance was every shown and for the past 5 or more years, to my knowledge was zero assistance with concern to illegal hunting and poaching being done on our property.

I have tried to remain silent of the deer/hunting issues as much as possible. Time came for me to step up and defend Tim when he was issued a land owner deer hunting licenses for 2014/15 season and was then requested by KDWP to return it as he did not qualify. There are copies of all of this attached as well my letter written to KDWP as to why he should qualify, my request for a copy of Mr. Lynn Koch (KDWP agent) report after coming to my home on July 2, 2014 and also requesting the antlers as well as other issues. Copy attached. We/he were denied and Tim complied and returned the licenses. This was not a big issue. However; when you look at everything KDWP has said and done in the past 3 years, it adds up to a HUGH issue.... I truly feel and believe, Tim is being harassment by KDWP because of the legislation he pushed for in 2014 which passed by an overwhelming majority.

On closing; I so support HB2341 and pray it is accepted, filed, and enforced by KDWP and we, as well as other, soon have all requested antlers returned to the land owners.

Lois Shuck