

**To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Senator Dan Kerschen, Chairman**

**From: John Donley, Kansas Farm Bureau**

**Date: February 8, 2018**

**Re: Written Testimony in support of SB 301- relating to hunting; outfitters and guides**

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Chairman Kerschen and members of the Committee, on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments today in support of SB 301. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau associations.

Kansas Farm Bureau is generally supportive of the idea of providing landowners with information that would allow them to make informed decisions regarding whom they would like to allow to hunt on their land. This bill would provide a website that could be accessed to determine if an individual wishing to hunt is truly going to bring other hunters onto the property with them. Unfortunately, there are some hunters/guides that are not completely truthful in communicating their true intent. Admittedly, the landowner has the ability to simply tell individuals that they cannot hunt on the property; however, that works against the interests of hunters because they then have less access to land to hunt, which is an ever growing concern of some hunters.

Should this bill move forward, it is important that landowners who provide guide or outfitter services on their own land to not be required to register. KFB policy is very clear on this point; therefore, it is important to maintain that exemption in section 1(b)(3).

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and we reiterate our support of SB 301.