

To Chairman Powell, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Testimony in support of HB 2295

Dear Chairman Powell and members of the Ag committee:

My name is Steve Westfahl and I own and operate Irish Creek Outfitters, Haven Kansas. I write in support of Joe Seiwert's bill to extend the antlerless deer season in January. We lease about 7,000 acres of private property and offer this at no cost to local hunters that want meat for their families. Out of state hunters are here for antlers and do not want to pay the price for a doe permit. If they could get a cheaper doe permit they would harvest a few more does. Our local hunters want meat and will harvest does in the January season. We are in unit 15 and have more does than needed. I would also support the use of a crossbow during archery season. Many bow hunters quit hunting as they get older because they do not want to get a Dr's letter that says they are too weak or not able to pull a bow. As I get older it just makes sense. I also support the Hunters feeding the hungry program. I believe some out of state hunters would kill does for that program if they could get a cheaper tag for does. Thank you for letting me share my thoughts.

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