

House Ag and Natural Resources Committee  
Hearing on HB 2709  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB2709. I am County Attorney for Lyon County, and have been since 2000. I had the misfortune to prosecute the case involving the death of Beau Arndt, an 18 year old hunter negligently shot by a roadside shooter. As a result of that case I have become more and more aware of penalties involving poaching and illegal hunting. Regrettably fines and even homicide prosecutions are not enough to cause people to cease illegal conduct. Penalties or fines can only be effective when they are increased to a level where they impact the perpetrator. I cannot predict that illegal hunting activities will cease, but I support HB 2709 as a first step in being more of a deterrent.

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