

House Agriculture and National Resource Committee
Hearing on HB 2709

I am a developer for the Mossy Oak Properties brand in Kansas as well as Oklahoma, Iowa and Missouri. In addition, my company just hosted the inaugural Monster Buck Classic We Are Kansas event in Topeka this past Jan. 27-29th. As a person that has a lot at stake in this great state known for its exceptional whitetail deer hunting opportunities, I am in full support of the proposed House Bill 2709 and want to ask you to support the Bill as well. The only way we will ever stop the illegal taking of this magnificent animal is to have a penalty that is stiff enough to deter anyone from taking a chance of being caught. It is an unsafe practice most of all and it cost the honest hunter many opportunities of legally taking a world record whitetail and furthering this awesome revenue stream. I believe it is in the best interest of protecting this asset by passing this Bill as it is written.

Thank you for your time.

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