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Good afternoon, my name is Ron Jean.
I own a family farm in Rooks County, Kansas.

My farm has been in my Grandmother's family for years. When she passed, I inherited it. The farm has so many memories for me. But it has more than history; it has the down home guts of what a farm is meant to be, that is growing crops and feeding the world. Really, when you go driving by - to the normal eye, you would not realize how much hard work my Grandparents have done on that place, but, I do. Cause I witnessed it. The times were very hard for them. Granny taught me the manners and the respect for the ground that made that ground sustainable. She gave me chores and I grew with respect for the land.

We are taking the history out of our land by destroying the very backbone America stands for FREEDOM... FREEDOM, to live in a world where we have a choice. Isn't that what America stands for? We need to stand up and be proud of our Sunflower state. Kansas should stand strong, we are hard working people and we need to center our lives on the strength that we are supporting the states around us.

I ask you to dig deep, look hard at what is in these programs. Look outside the box and know this 30 x 30 and these land grabs or whatever the new name may be, or will become, is not good for the State of Kansas.
Preserve the Kansas farms and what we stand for.

Thank you,
Ron Jean