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2021 Special Committee  
On the 30 x 30  
Federal Initiative

To Committee Chair, Representative Ken Rajhes:

This Testimony is in opposition to the 30 x 30 Federal Initiative Program which President Biden's Administration is attempting to institute.

The Federal Government should not have the right to take an individual's land or property or have the right to tell them how to use the land. If land is taken out of production, local service companies such as implement dealers, hardware, and farm and ranch stores, will be affected, as will any other business related to farming and ranching. When you take farm and ranch land out of production, this will lead to loss of jobs and greater unemployment which will lead to less money spent and therefore fewer tax dollars collected. This in turn leads to a greater burden on other businesses and taxpayers to make up the lost revenue.

In preparation of giving testimony on the 30 x 30 Initiative, we checked with our local Natural Resource & Conservation Service (N.R.C.S) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to determine what, if any, information they may have received from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) concerning this initiative. They stated as of October 1, 2021 the office had neither received nor provided any information in reference to the 30 x 30 Initiative. We cannot, and will not, support any Federal program without knowing the details of what is being proposed. One of our Commissioners, being from a farming back ground, has participated in federal programs such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (Equip) and others but we all have grave concerns that the 30 x 30 initiative will contain provisions that are not in the best interest of the Farmers, Ranchers and Citizens of Russell County, or the State of Kansas.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter to the state of Kansas.

Russell County Commissioners,  
Chairman Steve Reinhardt

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