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To Committee Chair, Representative Ken Rajhes, and Committee Members:

I am writing in opposition to the 30 x 30 Plan Biden's administration is attempting to implement.

The 30 x 30 plan goes against the very fabric of our nation and the premise of our US Constitution. We were designed to be a free nation and a free people – our inalienable right. The role of the government is to protect our constitution rights which means a right to personal ownership and property.

Our federal government has become a monster! They pass 2,000+ page bills into law (written by lobbyists representing big companies) which they have not read and spend trillions of dollars indebting our grandchildren and great-great grandchildren for their own causes, to enrich themselves and to remain in office. They have become disproportionately millionaires while in office and they no longer serve the people, but rather big corporations and banks. They do not serve our best interests. In fact, these career politicians know little to anything about farming, economics, environmental issues, or what is best in our local states and communities.

It is a dangerous move to allow our federal government to become any bigger nor to "manage" and own our land. The best managers of our land and resources are the local people, citizens, farmers, ranchers. Bureaucrats in DC are not affected by the quality of our water systems or that we have enough food in our supply chain, nor do they have any idea about how to manage a ranch, farm, nor natural resources.

George Washington had a chance to take on the title of king. He chose instead to take the surname "Mr." and president. He stepped down after one term as an example. He understood that the federal government needed to remain small and that our nation was to be a nation for the people – not a tyranny with a king or ruled by a select few, nor by unelected agencies.

We are losing our Democratic Republic and our rights including property.

I will end with God's admonition to Samuel when the Israelites wanted a king:

¹⁰So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots [draft them into wars]. And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest [enrich himself and govt. officials], and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers [and now recruit them to fight in our wars]. ¹⁴**He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants.** ¹⁵He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants [our federal taxes far exceed this]. ¹⁶He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men^[a] and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷**He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.** ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

- 1 Samuel 8:10-18

Unlike the Israelites, we are pleading that we do **NOT** want a king. We want government to become smaller and to represent us, not enslave us!

We need courageous leaders in our country that will hold the ground and stand against tyranny and for the rights of Kansas citizens.

Sincerely,

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