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Hunter Nation, which is headquartered in Mission, KS, salutes the Kansas Legislature for its bipartisan effort in passing House Bill 2530. This legislation amends the way members of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission are selected. The new change provides for the Governor to select four (4) members of the commission and the Kansas Speaker of the House, President of the Senate and state Attorney General would each select one (1) member for the seven (7) person commission. Under the previous law, the governor selected all seven (7) members of the commission.

Hunter Nation salutes **Governor Laura Kelly**, who recently signed this legislation into law.

Wildlife management should never be a political issue," said **Keith Mark, Founder and President of Hunter Nation**. "Being a lifelong Kansan, and hunter, this bipartisan legislation brings much needed changes, and is a real victory for Kansas hunters, landowners, and wildlife," added Mark.

Kansas is steeped in a rich tradition of hunting and fishing, passed down through generations. To preserve this heritage, we must unite across party lines and advocate for our sportsmen and sportswomen. Having dedicated hunters and/or anglers on the State Board is crucial—it ensures that Kansas policies protect our rights, our lands, and our way of life," stated **KS Sen. Jeff Pittman**, Democrat-District 5

"As they say, if you don't make needed changes, you will retain the same results. The sportsman and landowners saw the radical wokeness with the current system and was asking for better representation for all Kansans. This was a great victory for all Sportsmen not only in Kansas but all over and landowner's 4th amendment rights are more secure," commented **KS Rep. Ken Corbet**, Republican-District 54 and owner of Ravenwood Lodge near Topeka, KS.

"Hunters in Kansas made their voice heard and their legislators listened. This is a positive step to protect our hunting rights. Moving forward, every Kansan, hunter or not, can rest easy knowing that Kansas wildlife decisions won't rest solely on appointees of a Governor, regardless of party," **Mark** concluded.

House Bill 2530 passed by the Senate 21-18 and by the House vote of 78-45 on 4/30/24.