



## QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Date: 12 March 2019  
To: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
From: Kip Adams, Director of Conservation  
Re: House Bill 2167

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On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to oppose House Bill 2167 which would establish a system for the transfer of deer permits to nonresidents. The QDMA is a national nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA has over 60,000 members nationwide, and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals.

Currently, nearly all nonresidents interested in hunting in Kansas can receive a permit through the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's lottery system. This process allows the state wildlife agency to allocate permits using a scientific process to ensure sustainability of the wildlife resource. House Bill 2167 would circumvent this process and erode the scientific credibility of permit allocation.

A similar permit transfer system has been tried in the past with poor results. Arguments among landowners, permit brokers and outfitters ensued and led to the legislature removing the transfer option in 2007. Similar problems would prevail under the system proposed by House Bill 2167.

House Bill 2167 would negatively impact the state's deer management program. As such, we encourage you to oppose House Bill 2167. Thank you for your time and your commitment to Kansas' natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams  
Director of Conservation