

House Fish, Wildlife & Parks
HB516: Wildlife Mitigation Act
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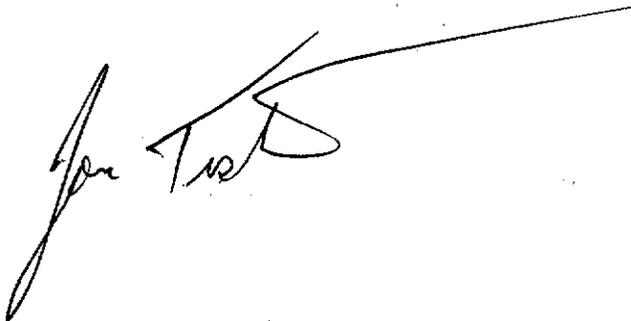
Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I rise in support of HB516. I support this bill as a tool to address private property damage issues in this state without violating the rights of private landowners.

HB516 is designed to protect landowners from property damage that results from a neighbor's land use decisions. For example, often large game may concentrate on land where there is no danger during hunting season. At the end of the season, the animals move to neighboring land and cause damage to crops, lawns or haystacks.

This bill certainly does not force homeowners to allow public hunting to prevent big game concentrations. It does recognize the challenge posed by this situation and provides a mechanism for addressing property damage.

This is an example of landowners and hunters working together to solve this problem.

Again, I support HB516 and ask that you support it as well.

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