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Chairman and members of the Agriculture Policy committee: The Missouri Parks Association (MPA) supports House Bill 508. Feral hogs destroy Missouri's native ecosystems and present a clear threat to our landscapes, agriculture, and wildlife. This invasive species can destroy dozens of acres overnight, creating soil erosion and fouling water quality. Missouri state parks with known hog damage include Johnson's Shut-Ins, Taum Sauk, Roaring River, Hawn, Elephant Rocks, St. Francois, Washington, Sam A. Baker, and Lake Wappapello. State park supporters will recognize these as parks with extraordinary natural resources, including carefully restored glades, prairies, woodlands, fens, and wetlands. Unfortunately, there are those that still transport and release feral hogs on public land. House Bill 508 addresses this reckless and illegal behavior through increased criminal penalties, and we look forward to the committee moving this important bill forward. The Missouri Parks Association (MPA) is a citizens organization—independent and non-partisan—dedicated to the protection, enhancement, and interpretation of Missouri state parks and historic sites. Our members span the state and have a shared passion for Missouri's state parks and historic sites and the history and ecosystems they preserve. On behalf of our members and volunteers that enjoy and invest in Missouri, we ask you to support House Bill 508. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully submitted, Kendra Varns Wallis Executive Director Missouri Parks Association



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The Sierra Club Missouri Chapter supports House Bill 508. Feral hogs (or feral swine) are an invasive species that damage and threaten the flora and fauna in our parks, conservation areas and other wild areas. They also greatly damage agricultural land. This bill will give the Missouri Department of Conservation and other agencies more tools to deal with this menace.



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HB508 and SB236 using bill to confuse the public to grain more control and money. Deputy Director Aaron Jefferies gave MDC FERAL HOG PRESENTATION to County Commissioners - JULY 30TH, 2019 said that they have been trapping for 25 years and Missouri is the National Model for Feral Hog Eradication." The MDC has published to public and been keeping track for 13 years killing 56.843 feral hogs. Missouri just got additional 1.5 Million Dollarsfrom the USDA's Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program (FSCP), funded by the 2018 Farm Bill, directs up to \$33.75 million of allocated funds toward partnership efforts with landowners in selected areas of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas, These states have the highest feral swine population densities and associated damages in the country, the USDA says.Didn't MDC just have FERAL HOG EXPERTS GIVE TESTIMONY TO MISSOURI LEGISLATORS in February of 2020 in which Dr. Dale Nolte-Head of National Feral Swine Management Team the population of 100,000 wild hogs in the state of Missouri and gets \$750,000 dollars yearly. But then only kill 12% or 12,635 Feral hogs in Missouri with MDC has partaken in the most intensive hog trapping operation in the State of Missouri History for the last 9 months throwing 150 plus employees, and equipment, and money at problem.A. After 12 years of MDC Feral Hog TrappingB. After a 5 year hog hunting ban on all MDC public landsC. After a 12 month hog hunting ban on MTNF.What happen to Missouri Department of Conservation says that 70% of the wild hog population must be killed yearly to keep population from growing. Ask yourself. Why the sudden urge to change from hog to swine? Is that going to kill more feral hogs?is that going to allow them to get more federal money?EXACTLY what are cause and effect of HB508 and SB 236 to Heritage Hogs in the State of Missouri.Mulefoot from Ozark region -The National Mulefoot Hog Record Association formed in 1908, and the Berkshire, Chester White, Choctaw, Duroc, Gloucestershire Old Spots, Guinea Hog, Hampshire, Kunekune, Large Black, Mangalitsa, Ossabaw Island Hog, Poland China, Red Wattle, Spotted, Tamworth, YorkshireMissouri Small SWINE "pig" owners experience full weight of the Missouri Government? What the video of when a Game and Fish department gets into the livestock business https://vimeo.com/110806857 - Hogwash: An American Pig TaleWho is going to determine what is the correct pen, aka fence is, facility aka buildings, etcs.MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE are the agency that oversees and regulates the "on-the-ground" hog operations. Apparently, they did not do a very good job, by MTNF and MDC own publications.MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION are the agency that oversees these permits and regulations licensed shooting preserves. Big Game Hunting Preserves Boar, Wild (including feral hogs, razorback hogs, European boars and other pig species) hogs may only be propagated, held in captivity, and hunted on big game hunting preserves approved specifically for hogs by the department on or before January 30, 2015. Fence requirements shall meet standards specified in 3 CSR 10-9.220. Fencing for hogs shall be constructed of twelve (12) gauge woven wire, at least five feet (5') high, and topped with one (1) strand of electrified wire. An additional two feet (2') of

such fencing shall be buried and angled underground toward the enclosure interior. A fence of equivalent or greater strength and design to prevent the escape of hogs may be substituted with written application and approval by an agent of the department. EXAMPLE ONE: Mark Twain National Forest official publication stance is that two of the ways Feral Hogs come to exist in Missouri is. Quote:1. Accidental escapes from licensed shooting preserves that offer hog hunts. Escapes from "on-the-ground" hog operations EXAMPLE TWO: September of 2008 – MISSOURI CONSERVATIONIS MAGAZINE - WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? Missouri's feral hogs have originated from a variety of sources such as escapes from "on-the-ground" hog operations, released pets (potbellied pigs) and accidental escapes from licensed shooting preservesthat offer hog hunts. Today most hog operators are considered commercial and keep all of their hogs in confinement buildings. SO ARE THEY GOING TO REQUIRE ALL INDIVIVUAL SWINE OWNERS TO HAVE HOGS IN CONFINEMENT BUIDLINGS.MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE are the agency that oversees and regulates the "on-the-ground" hog operations. So is Missouri Senate Bill 236 and House Bill 508 the method to ban Heritage Swine in Missouri like they did in Michigan?

https://www.motherearthnews.com/homesteading-and-livestock/michigan-attacks-heritage-hogsUnder the Guise of Feral Swine - prevent the growth of the feral swine population in Michigan, the way DNR interprets the order any domestic pig raised in the outdoors could be prohibited under the order. In a Declaratory Ruling issued by DNR in 2011, the department declined to base its classification of prohibited swine on whether the animal was living under the husbandry of humans; instead, DNR chose to define prohibited swine based on whether the animals exhibited any of eight physical characteristics (listed in the ruling) and a ninth characteristic consisting of "characteristics not currently known to DNR." Under the ambiguous Declaratory Ruling, a pig with a "straight tail" could be prohibited and so could a pig with a "curly tail." Only the white pork raised in confinement would not be subject to prohibition under the ISO; the Michigan Pork Producers Association has remained a strong supporter of the swine ISO since its inception. Response: YES - They've been laying groundwork for the last several years and I think some of us has fell in to their game, but the end goal is to have "professional" large scale corporate farms be the only ones who can raise pork, beef will be next, but they are after pork first because they can use the "feral swine" as the tool to gain control. But the Ag Ready group I think is being driven by the pork producers and director of ag who's family is big time hog producers.Response: YES - Big Hog producers are going to dictate what breed of hog you can own, raise, transport or slaughter! Missouri Department of Conservation supports Senate Bill 236 and House Bill 508. But Aaron Jeffries added that processing hogs would be a hassle because they are classified as livestock in recent press release. - So why are they in support of a bill dealing with livestock after 25 years?Current Bill SummarySB 236 or HB 508- This act modifies provisions relating to feral swine. Currently, any person who recklessly or knowingly releases any swine to live in a wild state or possesses or transports CERTAIN live wild boar without a permit from the Department of Agriculture is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Who decides on what CERTAIN is? Under this act, any person who recklessly or knowingly releases any swine to live in a wild state or POSSESSESS OR TRANSPORTS or transports live feral swine is quilty of a Class E felony. Individual taking heritage hogs to market? Does a tree falling on a pig owners fence, consider recklessly or kids leaving the gate open recklessly.16 Years ago, ONE conviction of ONE person Releasing Hogs and ONE person for helping release hogs. BENTON County Missouri. - THAT'S IT!!! Exactly how will this change anything?ANY SWINE - Heritage HOGSThe act repeals a definition for "feral hog" and replaces it with a definition for "feral swine". Additionally, the term "feral hog" is replaced with "feral swine" throughout the act.FACT: Hogs roamed free range until 1969 when every county in Missouri required confinement of hogs.FACT: Feral Hogs have roamed southern Missouri since 1969.FACT: 1990s, domestic pork prices plummeted, and hogs were released by HOG FARMERS in Missouri.FACT: Feral Hog is a bureaucratic designation it is not a difference species of pig.FACT: Today, there are potentially 3 types of wild pigs that occur in North America. There are domestic pigs that have gone feral (feral hogs), hybrids between Eurasian boar and feral hogs, and Eurasian boar.FACT: However, few if any true Eurasian boar still free-range in North America due to the rapid dilution of their bloodlines through the near constant breeding practices of wild pigs. All 3 types can collectively be referred to as wild hogs, whereas only domestic pigs released or escaped from domestic pig farms, that have gone feral can accurately be referred to as feral hogs. They can talk DNA all they want rapid dilution of their bloodline has effect on that also. Any person who takes or kills a feral hog on public or private land without the consent of the landowner or with the use of an artificial light is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Finally, the act repeals rulemaking authority for the Director of the Department of Agriculture for health standards for CERTAIN wild swine and repeals provisions of law creating the Animal Health Fund. This doesn't affect Missouri Agriculture Director Chris Chinn family -, Since the mega hog farmer family Chinn, a fifth-generation farmer who has a farrow-to-finish hog operation – "Guess ZEOR conflict of interest with her." Who decides on what CERTAIN is?



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Missourians for far too long have seen more and more rights diminished at the hands of legislators and the MDC. I strongly oppose this bill. We must deal with feral swine, I agree with that. The cost must not come at losing more private property rights by the men and women that swore an oath to uphold our most precious freedoms!!



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The absurdity of dictating how one should raise one's livestock began with illegal, unconstitutional overreach of govt to dictate one's children into institutional fostered slavery ultimately dictating how they raise their children via social service criminals. The entire bill needs thrown out considering the writing at 270.400 point 2 encourages trespassing, illegally endangering the residents of a property by allowing strangers to shoot & kill feral swine upon one's property yet in point 4 states that only the owners of the property can do so. Again, rural citizens need to be able to protect their land from criminals & cattle rustlers who in past years were hung for such rustling offense. The right to bear arms should be proceeded with the right to bear & raise one's own children without the intrusion of government dictation. Subsequently, freedom to raise your own livestock within reasonable parameters without detailed dictation by strangers is also a necessity to maintain freedom. Proper free range fencing would be understandable yet overhauling, exhaustive interdiction is offensive & should be banned. The purpose of this bill to solve exactly what problem should be discussed in order to direct resolution without extensive, entangling parameters that encourage trespassing & endangering the residents of a property unexpectedly. It seems politicians have become addicted to excessive wording & promoting unnecessary restricting regulations. This ill pattern can be ended by publicly noting what exact problem is being addressed & secondly having a Constitutional review to red flag areas of a bill that are or have potential to be erroneously drawn up to create secondary unconstitutional offenses.



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I Oppose this Bill. It is a harsh Penality.



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It is unclear to me how they are determining between farm raised or wild. Leaving that in the hands of a game warden or whoever isn't the constitutional way of doing it.



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authority than they know what to do with. Allow to live free in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. Stop looking for another way to control the people. A kid in a polo with a degree they can't afford that's never been on a farm is always trying to tell farmers that have worked the land for generations and cared for their livestock and respect the land more than anyone else on how to do it.



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This is a bad bill. Kill it so that it doesn't kill Hog farmers in Missouri



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I oppose this bill



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I am opposed to HB508. I've been informed that only "Bad Actors" oppose this bill. I assure you I am no "Bad Actor"!! The consequences of this bill and the control it gives over livestock to MDC is alarming. I urge all committee members to research Bakers Green Acres in Michigan and see what language such as in HB508, brought to the farmers in Michigan by their DNR. Attorney Joseph O'Leary is suing the Michigan DNR on behalf of four of the aggrieved business owners. He explains, "Wildlife is owned by the state; it is the role of the DNR to regulate and control state property. Livestock on farms is privately owned and properly belongs in the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. When a governmental agency blurs these lines, people had better wake up and take notice because at that point we are all in a lot of trouble."The government has no authority to tell me or any other farmer what type of hog we can raise! A hard look needs to be taken at the language & consequences of this bill. I respectfully urge you to not pass this kind of legislation. I realize everyone wants a "quick fix" to the feral hog issue in MO. HB508 is not the "Quick Fix"Respectfully,Missi Ferguson



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This Bill will hurt the small producers and not do anything to cure the feral hog problem in Missouri' This bill should be voted down.



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I'm in opposition of HB508. Changing the penalty to a felony will further bog down prison systemin Missouri. Even if HB508 passes into law. Prosecutors and judges have the discretion to impose a lessor penalty or probation in the court system. i am in favor of stiffer penalties. i believe it would better serve communities where an offence occurs to have a \$5000.00 restitution fee per hog be added to the misdemeanor charge and fees already in place. and make the offender serve community service to restore public arears damaged by feral hogs. The restitution fees could be used thru county agencies to help farmers and land owners restore property damage. On the removal of identifying ear marks and ear tags you are removing a layer of protection for both land owner and anyone who legally dispatch feral hogs. i spoke with a former MDC Wildlife Agent who worked on this definition explained the protection for both parties. Anyone who has livestock that accidently escapes and is dispatched has protection for loss of livestock. anyone legally dispatching feral hogs has protection from anyone accusing them of killing livestock. These are just two points that i have concern with in this bill.



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