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To: Missouri Senate Committee on Agriculture, Food Production, and Outdoor Resources
Re: Senate Bills 864 & 913 – Modifies provisions relating to tax credits
Position: Support
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Food Production, and Outdoor Resources,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), I am writing to express our support for Senate Bills 864 and 913 which seek to remove the sunset on the existing tax credit program available to meat processors taking steps to upgrade, enhance, or modernize their processing operations. In addition to their role in supporting Missouri agriculture, meat processors play an important role for sportsmen and women by providing a safe, clean location in which game meat can be processed for human consumption. Moreover, many processors participate in Missouri's Share the Harvest program that allows Missouri's sportsmen and women to support their neighbors by donating legally harvested game meat to those in need.

Founded in 1989, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

Meat processors, often in the form of family-owned, local businesses, serve as a critical link between producer and consumer. However, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation's interest in meat processing, and therefore this legislation, focuses on the role that processors play in supporting successful hunters through game meat processing. By taking advantage of the tax credit program that would be extended as a result of this legislation, our hope is that meat processors will take advantage of opportunities to increase and modernize their capabilities to meet both agricultural and game meat processing needs, particularly in rural communities across the state.

Further, meat processors are a key component of successful game meat donation programs, including Missouri's Share the Harvest program that connects hunters with participating meat processors who then provide donated game meat products to local food pantries. This program, which currently includes 77 participating processors across the state, provides hunters with an opportunity to support their neighbors in need while practicing our shared outdoor traditions. As

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indicated above, it is our hope that the provisions of SB 864 and 913 will serve as an incentive that increases the ability of processors to participate in the Share the Harvest program and enhance the ability of the Show-Me State's sportsmen and women to donate their successful harvests to those in need.

In conclusion, CSF asks members of the Committee to support the provisions of Senate Bills 864 and 913, supporting Missouri's meat processors and the producers and sportsmen and women who rely on processors to feed themselves and their communities. If you have questions or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me using the information below.

Sincerely,



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