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Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

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Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my OPPOSTION to bill HB 2803.

Kansas needs stronger gun laws not weaker ones. Our family has seen first-hand the effects of gun violence on children, families and those who love them. Since my testimony is public, I will not go into detail, but the trauma of people who were shot AND those who had to run to safety is life-altering.

This bill is unconstitutional as it is in violation of the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution as this bill instructs Kansas law enforcement to disregard federal law. Yes, I am a lawyer. Please do not waste our tax dollars on litigating this matter in the court system as other states have done. Spend our tax dollars making Kansans safer!

Also, please listen to Kansans! A vast majority of us support common ground gun reform but the House and Senate keep putting bills forward that do not support what Kansans want.

Please vote NO on bill HB 2803.

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