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**Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs**

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**BILL NUMBER:** HB 2803, Gun Rights Preservation Act

**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** Written Only Testimony

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

My father served in the United States Army as a Military Police. I was raised around guns. My father taught me the importance of gun safety at a very young age. In order to even handle a gun he had rules. 1.) Always assume a gun is loaded, never point a gun at a person. 2.) Pass the Hunter Education course with a 80% or higher. I passed my Hunter Education class with a 100% in 2002 at the age of 16. I value the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, but I also know there needs to be laws in place to protect our citizens.

This bill will make it impossible for federal authorities to carry out their law enforcement duties. It would weaken gun laws in a time when people are already being shot and killed. Since our gun laws have weakened in Kansas over the last decade, the state has seen a 32% increase in gun related deaths. The state of Missouri passed a similar law where time and funds were spent on litigation that ultimately found the law unconstitutional. Kansas doe not need to waste taxpayer dollars on this bill.

Our leadership needs to focus on sensible solutions that make our kids and communities safer. I'm asking that you oppose this bill HB2803 and pass bills that commonsense gun owners support like universal background checks, red flag laws, 3-day waiting period, etc. We require proper training and licensing to drive a car and the same should be mandated for owning a gun.

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