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Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: written only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

It is unbelievable that less than a month after the KC parade rally shooting leaders in Topeka have called for a hearing on HB2803 that would weaken gun laws- prohibiting Kansas law enforcement officers from enforcing federal gun laws will make Kansas less safe.

It is a fact that most Kansas are in favor of common sense gun laws. Over 70% of all Kansas support universal background checks, 21 year old age requirements, red flag laws, 3-day waiting period **and want federal officers in Kansas to be able to do their jobs to keep our communities safe.**

Not only are a majority of Kansas in favor of these laws, this same concept was attempted in Missouri and deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. We do not need to repeat this waste of time for our government.

There is proof that stricter gun laws- common sense gun laws help save lives. Working in healthcare it is so difficult to see all the unnecessary injuries that are caused by senseless gun violence. Not only is it hard to witness the physical injuries related to gun violence, it is also such a difficult emotional subject we are forced to discuss with our children. It is an unavoidable topic of conversation in our house. My son (7) and I had an experience watching the Chiefs parade shooting unfold live on TV. I couldn't turn it off, I couldn't stop crying, I couldn't stop checking in on our friends who were present at the parade. Constantly fielding questions from our children about why this keeps happening is getting unbearable.

Please vote no on bill HB 2803.

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