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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

WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

Please find a way to work towards safer communities for our children. This bill is a step in the wrong direction. **The violence we are expected to face in the name of a “right to bear arms” is horrific and unfair.** This bill only allows room to escalate gun ownership which we know makes us less safe. This bill is unconstitutional and wreckless. Please consider the safety of your constituents rather than the influence of these powerful lobbies. We do not need more ways for people to evade safety measures with regard to gun laws. As a new mother I cannot escape nightmare images and thoughts of harm coming to my infant son as he grows up by way of rampant gun violence. I want to be able to show him the world and his community but when going to a parade or movie theatre is subject to random lifethreatening violence, why would I risk his life?

A majority of Kansans (>70%) want red flag laws, waiting periods, universal background checks, and age requirements. Why would you vote to remove our capacity to do this? **There have been more school shootings in Kansas in the last five years than in the last 40 years combined.** Guns are the problem, stop this madness and listen to the mothers in your community who want peace and safety.

Please vote no on bill HB 2803.

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