

Date: February 8, 2023

Bill Number: SB116

Indicate Disposition: Opponent

Name of Conferee: Jo Dee Adelung, Kansas Moms Demand Action Member

Dear Chairman Thompson and Members of the Senate Fed & State Committee:

As a very active member of Kansas Moms Demand Action, I **continue to oppose** any legislation that would encourage the use of the NRA's Eddie Eagle curriculum in our public schools.

I will keep this very simple: The onus for keeping children safe from guns is on **ADULTS, NOT ON CHILDREN**. Responsible gun owners understand that the only way to guarantee that a curious child does not touch a gun is for the ADULT to properly store it. The NRA continues to vigorously oppose any efforts to pass legislation that would hold ADULTS accountable when children use unsecured firearms to injure or kill themselves or someone else.

Dr. Lisa Monroe, an early childhood education specialist at The University of Oklahoma School of Education, who was tasked with revamping the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program in 2014, has gone on record\* stating that the NRA champions Eddie Eagle as a superior alternative to negligent storage legislation, or laws meant to punish adults when children shoot themselves or someone else with an unsecured gun. She stated, "No one ever told me that's how the program was going to be used. If they had, I assure you, I wouldn't have anything to do with it...In no way should it ever be touted as a replacement for laws, or something that could single-handedly stop a shooting."

[\*Mike Spies, The Trace, "Academic Who Helped Design the NRA's Child Gun Safety Program says the Group Is Misusing It", 10/13/16]

I ask that you **OPPOSE SB116**.

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