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Dear Senator,

Tomorrow you will be hearing NRA backed Senate Bill 454 in Federal and State Affairs Committee. This NRA priority legislation, among other technical corrections, would provide universal recognition to concealed carry permit holders and standardize the concealed carry permit process for new residents who hold a valid concealed carry permit/license in their originating state.

SB 454 is a significant right to carry reform which would make a number of important changes, the most substantial of which would allow for universal recognition of non-resident carry permits. Universal recognition is the simple process of changing Kansas from the conditional recognition to the outright recognition of any valid concealed carry permit issued in other state. This change would not only benefit concealed carry permit holders in other states, but it will also make it more likely for other states to recognize Kansas' carry permit.

Also under SB 454, new residents who hold a valid concealed carry permit from their previous state of residence will be able to instantly apply for a Kansas permit while also being granted a temporary permit as their application is being considered and processed. Once a new resident moves to Kansas, they would be able to submit an application and receive a "180-day receipt," which would allow them to continue to carry on their old permit for 180 days, during which time they can comply with the requirements for receiving a Kansas license. The Attorney General will create a list of states which meet or exceed Kansas' requirements and that would automatically qualify for recognition for issuance of a Kansas permit.

In addition to these important concealed carry improvements S.454 would fix inconsistencies within the statute and conform Kansas firearms definitions with existing federal law.

NRA respectfully urges you to support this important legislation. As always if you have any questions or would like to discuss the legislation further please do not hesitate to contact me.

In freedom,

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