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Good Morning Chairman Siegfried and members of the House Federal & State Affairs Committee.

I am Representative Richard Carlson, and I am testifying before you today as a proponent of **HB2033**.

Kansas knife statutes are antiquated and need to be updated. Several years ago an attempt to update one part of the statute was enacted and it dealt with thumb-assisted knives as those are used by farmers cutting twine on big round hay bales. The statute is still confusing to many.

By removing historically outdated language and creating statewide minimum standards for knives, our law abiding citizens and law enforcement officers will not have the apprehension of not knowing whether they are legally complying with our statutes, and enforcement will be more consistent.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendments rights are absolute and confirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. The right to bear arms shall not be infringed and arms include not only firearms, but the armament of knives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today and I will stand for any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Carlson", written in a cursive style.

Representative Richard Carlson

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