



Written Testimony in Opposition to SB 186

**Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee
Thursday, March 14, 2013**

Mr. Chairman and House Federal & State Affairs Committee Members:

My name is Jennifer Bruning, and I am Vice President of Government Affairs with the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce. I am submitting written testimony today on behalf of our Board of Directors and our nearly 1,000 member companies in opposition to Senate Bill 186, which modifies the Personal & Family Protection Act.

The Overland Park Chamber supports the right of all local units of government and businesses to be able to regulate the carrying of firearms (open or concealed) on their premises, and we support the City of Overland Park in its efforts to regulate open carry in the same manner as concealed carry. Our member businesses want to make sure that if they choose not to allow guns in their establishments that their prohibition signs apply to patrons carrying their firearms openly as well as concealed.

Furthermore, the OP Chamber supports the rights of local units of government to decide at the local level at which public buildings or facilities concealed or open carry is permitted. We understand that the City of Overland Park would like to pass local legislation prohibiting the open and/or concealed carry of handguns at public venues centered around children's activities, such as the Deanna Rose Farmstead or the OP Soccer Complex, and we support this effort as it is consistent with current laws surrounding children's activities at schools.

We thank you for your consideration.