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Dear Chairman John Barker and the members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I OPPOSE House Bill HB2220

While my son was a student at KU, he witnessed many drunken events, in the dorms and in the public areas of campus. I would not have felt safe sending him into this environment had guns been legal to carry on campus. Eighteen to 22 year olds who have been drinking are going to feel empowered and bold. A gun in these hands is not a wise consideration. I would have wanted to know that KU is doing everything in their power to keep the campus safe. If House Bill HB2220 is passed, it will strip the university's ability to make policies regarding handguns, which will in turn affect the ability of the university to keep its students and faculty safe.

My daughter is taking dual credit classes at Johnson County Community College and homeschool high school. It is extremely important to me that she feel safe anywhere on campus. If House Bill HB2220 is passed, removing JCCC's ability to make policies regarding handguns, I will not only be concerned for her safety, I will be concerned for the safety of her professors and the other students on campus.

As a parent, I feel it is imperative that colleges are able to make common sense regulations regarding handguns on campus, so my children feel safe. As the friend of several college and junior college professors, I feel it is necessary for them to have a safe place to conduct their classes, without the added worry of a disgruntled student legally possessing a handgun. I have heard the stories of students upset at their professors and being beligerent. It scares me to think what might have happened to those professors had those students been able to bring a gun on campus.

I am for common sense gun laws, but no parent or professor that I know supports House Bill HB2220. It is does not promote safety or common sense.

Thank you for your consideration,

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