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RE: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

House Bill No. 2087 Hearing

Dear Chairman Brunk and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I am here today representing thousands of KSRA members and Kansas gun owners to testify as a proponent of House Bill Number 2087. Thank you for allowing me to speak to you about the issue before you in this bill.

In 2014 a measure contained in HB 2578 was intended to protect federally licensed firearms dealers (FFL's) from being over regulated by individual cities, counties and municipalities. FFL's are stringently regulated by the ATF and should not be further restricted by local jurisdictions. The meat of last year's bill was all about preempting local control and the provision written regarding FFL's was clearly intended to give them the same protection.

Unfortunately the wording contained in that provision did not accomplish the intended outcome and in fact opened these FFL's up to local jurisdictional control. And in fact, as it turns out that provision did not need to be placed in the bill at all as statute already provided the needed protections. So we're simply asking that the section pertaining to this be repealed and removed from statute.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for considering our position in this most important matter. We respectfully urge that you vote in support of HB 2087 and send it to the floor of the House.

Respectfully Submitted,

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