

**Testimony of Kansas Mom - TeriLynn**  
**Permitless Carry**  
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To the members of the House State and Federal Affairs Committee-

Thank you for your time, and for allowing me to speak to you today. I am here today as a mother, a proud Kansan, and an opponent of SB45.

Several years ago, Kansas lawmakers were looking at this very issue, and trying hard to determine if allowing people to carry concealed weapons was in the best interest of the people. It took several years of research, thoughtful study, questions, and testimony before we ultimately decided to enact the **Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act**.

One of the key arguments during those debates was that gun owners who would be authorized to carry concealed weapons would be the most qualified and well-trained people in the state. They would be required to pass background checks and complete 8 hours of training before being eligible for concealed carry permits.

The passage of the Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act was in the best interest of our state, and deserved the time and consideration given to it. And what was true then is true now – Kansans who are carrying concealed weapons should be required to pass background checks and complete significant safety training.

SB45 would dismantle the very provisions that lawmakers spent all that time fighting for. By stripping the permit requirement, SB45 would make it legal for dangerous people and those who have never handled a gun to carry one hidden and loaded in public places, including crowded streets, bars, and restaurants.

After all that discussion and thoughtfulness, SB45 is being rushed through the legislative process. It was pushed through the Kansas Senate with very little time for debate, public comment, or study. Why the rush? Why the need to move so quickly on something that would have such a huge impact on public safety? This bill not only goes too far, but it has also gone too fast.

As you can see by the crowd here today, the people of Kansas are not ready to move away from permits and background checks this quickly, and without serious debate and study. We owe this bill the time and consideration that we gave this topic only several years ago.

Please take the time to properly look at the repercussions and consequences that this bill would have for the safety of the people of Kansas. I appreciate your time this morning, and ask that you vote NO on SB45.