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To the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

As a Kansas CCH instructor, an NRA pistol and self-defense instructor and a staunch supporter of the second amendment and the right of self-defense I am giving testimony today to urge you to oppose SB-45. I know that my stand puts me at odds with many of my friends and associates in the shooting and political world but I feel strongly about this issue. I support concealed carry because I believe it makes for a safer society, if practiced properly.

As a CCH instructor I believe the current system is a valuable experience for potential concealed carry license holders. The feedback I receive from students says that our class-room discussions of the law and the heavy responsibility carrying a loaded firearm entails forces them to think hard about if this is something they really want to do. Some, my own son included, choose not to pursue it any further, while most go ahead and complete the process. Those who decide to proceed and receive their license do so with a solid understanding of the responsibility they are agreeing to take on.

In addition, I believe the safety training, pistol knowledge and conceal carry techniques taught in class as well as the required demonstration of minimal shooting ability makes for a safer society. Believe me; I have stood next to a student who literally could not hit a large target from seven yards with multiple attempts. She is a sweet lady and I wish her well but I sure don't want to be anywhere near if she were to pull her .44 caliber revolver out of her purse and start shooting at a "bad guy".

It has been pointed out that we already permit open carry firearms in Kansas and that non-licensed concealed carry is a natural extension of this right. While open carry is a fact in our state the number of people practicing it are, due in part to practical lifestyle reasons, limited and normally transitory. An example would be someone on the way to the range or going hunting. Concealed carry is practiced by many more people on a daily basis and they are, in numerous instances, armed a large portion of their day. The opportunity to provide quality training to this large and growing population seems prudent.

Some may think that since I make money from presenting Kansas CCH classes that my opposition to this bill may be based on possible financial loss. Fortunately I don't depend on teaching to pay the bills and if I never taught another class my lifestyle would not be adversely affected. I have taken this stand because I genuinely believe training and knowledge are essential to safe gun handling. Let's face it, without mandatory education many will begin practicing concealed carry without a clue as to what they need to know. Human nature won't lead many to sit and read the Attorney General's course materials, no matter how stimulating they may be.

I believe the existing system serves the citizens of Kansas well and provides a good balance between our God given right to self-defense and the need for a safe and educated society. Once again I ask you to oppose SB-45. If a change must be made to the current law let us at least keep mandatory training in the process.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts on this important issue.

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