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Written Testimony in Favor of HB2468

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In reference to HB2468 I would like to tell you about my shooting sports experience. I started out watching my two sisters in the BB program, wanting to be like them, to shoot, I joined the program. I have been shooting for about 3 years and have loved being part of the team. I am a member of the Sedgwick County BB gun community and have learned so much from being in the program. One thing I have learned is gun safety. This is strongly encouraged at all the practices and competitions I have been to. The shooters, coaches, and range leaders follow strict rules and treat every gun with extreme care. I remember a few years ago going to the safety class required to shoot with the team and learning about how to safely handle a gun. Another thing I have learned is good sportsmanship. Before every match our coaches encourage us if we get a medal to shake the hands and congratulate the others higher and lower than us who have received recognition. Next, I have learned teamwork. Though you do not work together on the line all your scores go into contributing for the team. You can easily make friends with your teammates older and younger than you. I have developed strong friendships through the program and am excited to make more. Lastly, I have learned that you do not have to run fast, be strong, or be a certain way to shoot. You can just be yourself to shoot well. I have learned so much through the program and am excited to learn more.