

Testimony In favor of HB 2468.

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In shooting sports, I have learned how to shoot well, and to be a good friend. I have been in shooting sports for six years and have come so far. I have friends, family, and even teachers at school who congratulate me when I do well in shooting. One of my favorite parts about shooting is, after most matches we have a place on the road home where we stop, eat dinner and have ice cream. The second best thing I like about shooting is the car rides, getting to see unique places, like up by Alma, KS there are the huge rocks on the side of the road and the rock fences and barns. In Kansas City, there is the awesome downtown train station, all the old brick buildings and cool bridges. If I wasn't in shooting sports, we wouldn't get to see or visit these cool places.

In this awesome experience, I have learned how to be a good competitor and a good friend to others. I have learned from my coaches to shake the hands of others even if they get a lower or higher score than me, which is all right. The score you get in shooting sports doesn't matter; it's having fun that matters the most. I have also learned about gun safety and how to handle a firearm. I have competed in the Daisy National BB Gun competition in Rogers, AR, twice---and it is an indoor event, held at a very fancy hotel. Why can't we find enough places to shoot for our competitions? If shooting sports doesn't have enough places to hold competitions, we will have less fun. If more counties could host matches and have the places to host matches, we would get to meet new people, have fun with and see more cool places in Kansas. Please help us by passing HB 2468 so we can continue to be in shooting sports.