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Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

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Dear Chairman Thompson:

I am writing to you regarding Senate Bill 116 and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) position on this critical piece of legislation. SB 116 will help standardize firearm safety education training programs across school districts in Kansas.

Senate Bill directs the state Board of Education to establish grade-appropriate curricula guidelines to teach firearm safety to K-12 students, based on NRA's Eddie Eagle GunSafe® program ([www.eddieeagle.com](http://www.eddieeagle.com) or [www.eddieeagle.nra.org](http://www.eddieeagle.nra.org) to see an outline of the program and course materials), and/or the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism's existing Hunter Education In Our Schools. Individual school district boards are to have the choice whether they wish to provide gun safety education under these standards. This gives the flexibility to school boards and parents to decide what gun safety education is appropriate for their communities and school children. Developing these standards by drawing from proven, existing programs, results in cost savings for the taxpayers.

For these reasons, and several others, the NRA strongly supports the passage of SB 116.

Sincerely,

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