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To: Members of the Committee on Elections
From: Brent Gardner, NRA-ILA Kansas State Liaison
Subject: Senate Bill 45
Position: **SUPPORT**

The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action supports Senate Bill 45.

On the behalf of the National Rifle Association I would like to thank you for the opportunity to address you this afternoon and speak in favor of Senate Bill 45. This bill represents an important reform that would prohibit taxpayer funds from being used to finance anti-gun campaigns and gun-control lobbying efforts.

SB 45 is a common sense reform that would help preserve the rights of taxpayers by ensuring that public funds in Kansas are not used to pursue a political agenda against our Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Furthermore, this legislation would ensure that unelected bureaucrats and state agencies are unable to pursue programs that would diminish the constitutionally protected rights of the people they serve.

This bill as amended mirrors similar language at the federal level which ensures federal tax dollars are not used to promote these types of programs and lobbying efforts in congress or our federal agencies.

With the fiscal issues currently existing in this state and our nation, it would be irresponsible for the public's money to be used toward the fulfillment of a political agenda by promoting anti-gun legislation. Not only are firearms, and their purchase and use for legitimate purposes legal, the right to keep and bear arms is fundamental, and it is inappropriate to use citizens tax dollars in an attempt to legislate against their Constitutional right.

For the above reasons, the NRA-ILA respectfully requests the members of this committee support Senate Bill 45 and in so doing reaffirm their commitment to fiscal responsibility, good governance and our constitutionally protected Second Amendment rights.

I would be happy to provide any additional information at the request of members of the committee.

