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RE: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
House Bill No. 2052 Hearing

Thank you Chairman Siegfried and Honorable Members of the Committee for hearing my testimony concerning House Bill 2052. I appreciate your time spent discerning my information.

Since 2006 when the Personal and Family Protection act was passed firearm laws have changed for the better in Kansas. Since then the state has done a good job of trying to standardize all firearm related laws which helps not only law abiding citizens but law enforcement as well. Uniformity provides for a better understanding of what the regulations are. There is still a lot of work left to do be completed but we are making progress.

Before 2006 Kansas had a checker board of laws and a person could be a law abiding citizen in one county and decide to travel out of town and be a criminal in another without even knowing they broke the law. It is impossible for the normal citizen to look up and know all the different city ordinances or county resolutions. Most local laws are not even posted on line.

That is why I am here today advocating for the passage of House Bill 2052. This will help bring uniformity to all our firearm laws.

What this proposal does is bring the best of all local firearm discharge laws to one bill. If passed and signed into law any citizen or law enforcement can easily look up the rules and avoid potential misunderstandings. With technology now you just use your phone to find almost anything.

Self-defense is a God given right and if a person's life or livelihood is under threat they have a right and a duty to defend themselves and people around them.

Since concealed carry passed we have law abiding citizens carrying and traveling from around the country and all over the state for business and personal reasons. We desperately need this bill passed for the uniformity I described above. The times have changed and times demand uniformity.

I urge this committee to vote yes on this bill and pass it to the full House for a vote.

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you today and considering my position.

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