

To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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HB2199 - Second Amendment Protection Act

Chairman Siegfried and committee members, thank you for allowing us to provide testimony in SUPPORT of HB2199, the Second Amendment Protection Act.

Both the Kansas Constitution and the United State Constitution protect the inherent right of the people to keep and bear arms. This basic, individual right, is key to the preservation of freedom and liberty and it must be protected.

Unfortunately, for many elected officials their oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States is a hallow promise. They seek to circumvent, disregard, and violate the people's right to keep and bear arms. The willingness of the Federal Government to abuse the commerce clause and disregard the second, ninth, and tenth amendments provides more than enough justification for passage of this Act.

Without strong and decisive action by the States, the right of the people to keep and bear could be in peril. The State of Kansas must act now and be fully committed to protecting this important right in the future as well.

With the passage of this Act, not only is the State of Kansas protecting our Second Amendment rights, but you will also be taking important stands for the Ninth and Tenth Amendments. The importance of this Act cannot be overstated.

The constitutional rights of Kansans must be protected and this Act goes a long way to the end. We strongly urge you to SUPPORT HB2199.