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RE: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs Committee
House Bill No. 2055 Hearing

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Thank you Chairman Siegfried and Honorable Members of the committee for reading my testimony. I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Libertarian Party of Kansas in support of the passage of HB 2055 in its entirety.

This bill is desperately needed to help protect law enforcement and law-abiding citizens who choose to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights in Kansas.

Since the passage of concealed carry the need for uniform firearm laws has become apparent.

We are particularly supportive of the preempting of city and county open carry firearm ordinances written into this bill. Currently, we have three cities Kansas City, Leawood, and Prairie Village who on record have chosen to defy current state open carry law. The Libertarian Party of Kansas is engaged in a civil suit filed by my party to put an immediate end to these cities' open carry bans. We have helped convince several other cities in Kansas to overturn their city open carry bans. They came to the conclusion that they were usurping state law. We need statewide uniformity to end confusion and to stop inconsistencies. This proposed legislation is urgently needed to leave no doubt what the rules are in the manner Kansans exercise their right to individual security.

We strongly support the Kansas State Rifle Association's effort in passage of this bill.

The Libertarian Party of Kansas appreciates the difficult and demanding job that is required of our legislators. Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

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