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**Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
Regarding HB2033
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Chairman Ostmeyer and Committee Members,

The Kansas Associations of Chiefs of Police and the Kansas Peace Officers Association understands the desire to allow law abiding citizens the right to possess these edged weapons. We also are aware some states have removed the prohibitions of possession of these weapons. However, we believe a reasonable restriction to the legal possession of these weapons would be to add the following to the bill:

1. Prohibit possession by a convicted felon, and
2. Prohibit possession by a person under the age of 18.

We believe the above amendments bring a reasonable balance to the proposed change of law. These limitations offer an enhancement to public safety over legalization with no restrictions while protecting the rights of the majority, the law abiding citizens, to possess these weapons.

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